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MEMPHIS, TENN., Nov. 15, 1866.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States met, according to appointment, on Thursday, the 15th day of November, 1866, at 11 o'clock, a. m., in the First Presbyterian Church at Memphis, Tennessee, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. George Howe, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, on the text, Zech. iv. 6, 7, 10: "This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth."

After the sermon, the Moderator proceeded to constitute the sessions with prayer.

The Permanent Clerk, from the Committee on Commissions, reported that the following commissioners had appeared, and been regularly enrolled as members of this General Assembly:

I. SYNOD OF ALABAMA.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>East Alabama,</i>	James H. Hall,	E. Fay,
	G. R. Foster, (3)*	A. J. McAlpin,
<i>South Alabama,</i>	James Watson, (3)	George J. S. Walker,
<i>Tuskaloosa,</i>	A. P. Silliman,	J. M. McGowan.

II. SYNOD OF ARKANSAS.

<i>Arkansas,</i>	J. W. Moore,	Alfred M. Goodwin, (4)
<i>Indian,</i>	C. C. Copeland, (3)	
<i>Onachita,</i>	A. R. Banks,	Charles L. Bullock.

III. SYNOD OF GEORGIA.

<i>Cherokee,</i>	A. G. Johnson,	J. O. Scott,
<i>Flint River,</i>	Wm. M. Cunningham, D. D.,	Alfred Livingstone,
<i>Florida,</i>	Donald Fraser,	
<i>Georgia,</i>		
<i>Hopewell,</i>	James Woodrow,	J. A. Ansley,
	Wm. Flinn,	Wm. T. Daniel.

* The figure appended to the name indicates on what day of the sessions the commissioners first appeared.

IV. SYNOD OF MEMPHIS.

PRESBYTERIES.

*Chickasaw,
Memphis,
North Mississippi,
Tuscumbia,
Western District,*

MINISTERS.

R. W. Shive,
A. H. Kerr, D. D.,
S. Irwin Reid,
Thomas Morrow,
E. S. Campbell,

ELDERS.

James Rogan,
B. M. Estes,
A. R. Hutchison,
Louis B. Thornton,
J. C. Gillespie.

V. SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

Central Mississippi,

*East Mississippi,
Louisiana,
Mississippi,
New Orleans,
Red River,
Tombeckbee,*

John H. Rice, D. D.,
R. E. Sherrill, (3)
James W. Phillips,
W. F. Gillespie,
George Hall, (2)
B. M. Palmer, D. D., (3)
J. T. Davidson,
A. H. Barkley,

J. P. George,
J. S. Colmery,

Israel Spencer, (2)
H. T. Bartlett,
Alfred Simpson, (2)
O. Hendrick.

VI. SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.

*Holston,
Knoxville,
Nashville,
North Alabama,*

S. B. Campbell,
Thomas H. McCallie,
H. B. Boude,
J. Simpson Frierson, (2)
M. M. Marshall, D. D., (3)

E. B. McClanahan,

George Thompson,
James S. Fleming,
Isaiah Dill, (3)

VII. SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

*Concord,

Fayetteville,

Orange.*

A. W. Miller,
R. B. Anderson,
H. H. Banks, (2)
Neill McKay,
D. D. McBryde, (2)
A. Currie,
D. E. Jordan,

E. W. Fancette,
E. Nye Hutchison,
David Parks, (2)

J. A. Womack,
Thomas M. Holt.

VIII. SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

*Bethel,
Charleston,
Harmony,
South Carolina,*

William Banks, (2)
George Howe, D. D.,
W. A. Gregg,
John B. Adger, D. D.,
A. A. Morse,

J. Leander Adams,

J. J. James,
A. O. Norris,
William N. Blake.

IX. SYNOD OF TEXAS.

*Brazos,
Central Texas,
Eastern Texas,
Western Texas,*

J. M. Cochran,
Samuel A. King,
W. C. Dunlap, (4)
George C. Moore.

William T. Hill,

Joseph C. Wilson, (6)

X. SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

*East Hanover,

Greenbrier,

Montgomery,*

E. T. Baird, D. D.,
D. W. Shanks,
N. W. Calhoon,
D. C. Irwin,
John S. Grasty,

George W. Pollard,
John L. Marye, Jr.,
J. W. Gilkeson,

T. P. Clapp,
Frederick Johnston, (2)

*Potomac,
Roanoke,
West Hanover,
Winchester,*

Henry C. Alexander,
J. M. P. Atkinson, D. D., (3)
James R. Graham.

George C. Hannah, (3)
Richard P. Walton,

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Associate Reformed Synod of the South. Rev. H. L. Murphy.

General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Rev. C. A.

D. D.

The Stated Clerk reported that there was an irregularity in the appointment of commissioners from the Presbytery of North Alabama, by which that body seems to have appointed a larger delegation than is allowed under the rule.

A Committee on Elections was appointed, consisting of the Rev. Wm. M. Cunningham, D. D., and ruling elder G. J. S. Walker, to which was referred the case of the commissioners from the Presbytery of North Alabama.

The Assembly then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of the Rev. A. H. Kerr, D. D., a commissioner from the Presbytery of Memphis, as Moderator, and the Rev. Wm. Flinn, a commissioner from the Presbytery of Hopewell, as Temporary Clerk.

The Assembly adjourned to 3 o'clock, p. m.; closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Adger.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Donald Fraser.

The Committee on Elections reported, recommending that the Rev. Frederick A. Thompson, and ruling elder James S. Fleming, from the Presbytery of North Alabama, should be considered the commissioners entitled to their seats; which report was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Woodrow, it was resolved that it be the order of the day for to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock, to hear the reports of the Executive Committees of Domestic Missions and Publication; and on Saturday morning, at 11 o'clock, to hear the reports of the Executive Committees of Foreign Missions and Education.

On motion of Dr. Woodrow, it was resolved that, until further ordered, the hour for meeting each day shall be fixed at 9 o'clock, a. m., and the hour of adjournment at 1½ o'clock, p. m.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Adger, it was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock, on Saturday morning, to hear that part of the report of the Committee appointed on the Revision of the Form of Government, etc., which relates to parliamentary rules.

The Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock; closed with prayer by the Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Cunningham.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

On Bills and Overtures. Ministers: George Howe, D. D., A. R. Banks, John S. Grasty, James Woodrow. Ruling Elders: H. T. Bartlett, E. Nye Hutchison, George Thompson.

Judicial Committee. Ministers: John H. Rice, D. D., Neill McKay, George C. Moore. Ruling Elders: B. M. Estes, George J. S. Walker.

On Theological Seminaries. Ministers: E. T. Baird, D. D., H. B. Boude, Donald Fraser, A. P. Silliman. Ruling Elders: J. A. Ansley, J. L. Marye, Thomas M. Holt.

On Domestic Missions. Ministers: William M. Cunningham, D. D., William Flinn, John H. Rice, D. D., S. Irwin Reid, D. C. Irwin. Ruling Elders: J. W. Gilleson, J. S. Fleming, Louis B. Thornton.

On Foreign Missions. Ministers: Henry C. Alexander, J. H. Rice, D. D., Samuel A. King, S. B. Campbell, A. Currie, W. A. Gregg. Ruling Elders: E. Fay, J. O. Scott, Charles L. Bullock.

On Publication. Ministers: J. B. Adger, D. D., D. W. Shanks, W. F. Gillespie, J. H. Nall. Ruling Elders: A. J. McAlpin, E. B. McClanahan, J. A. Womack.

On Education. Ministers: Neill McKay, A. A. Morse, D. E. Jordan, J. W. Phillips. Ruling Elders: W. T. Hill, George W. Pollard, O. Hendrick.

On the Narrative. Ministers: A. W. Miller, J. W. Moore, A. G. Johnson. Ruling Elders: Alfred Livingstone, W. T. Daniel.

On Foreign Correspondence. Ministers: Thomas Morrow, J. T. Davidson, R. B. Anderson. Ruling Elders: J. S. Colmery, E. W. Faucette.

On Leave of Absence. Ministers: A. H. Barkley, Frederick A. Thompson, J. M. Cochran. Ruling Elders: T. P. Clapp, J. L. Adams, J. J. James.

On Systematic Benevolence. Ministers: James Woodrow, J. R. Graham, R. W. Shive, E. T. Baird, D. D., E. S. Campbell, N. W. Calhoon. Ruling Elders: B. M. Estes, J. A. Ansley, Richard P. Walton, James Rogan.

On Devotional Exercises. Ministers: D. C. Irwin, H. C. Alexander. Ruling Elders: A. O. Norris, William N. Blake.

Committees on Synodical Records:

Synod of Alabama. Ministers: N. W. Calhoon, W. A. Gregg. Ruling Elder, H. T. Bartlett.

Synod of Arkansas. Ministers: D. E. Jordan, Samuel A. King. Ruling Elder, J. W. Gilleson.

Synod of Georgia. Ministers: A. Currie, J. H. Nall. Ruling Elder, William T. Daniel.

Synod of Memphis. Ministers: Donald Fraser, A. P. Silliman. Ruling Elder, George W. Pollard.

Synod of Mississippi. Ministers: Samuel A. King, S. Irwin Reid. Ruling Elder, J. C. Gillespie.

Synod of Nashville. Ministers: A. R. Banks, J. T. Davidson. Ruling Elder, William N. Blake.

Synod of North Carolina. Ministers: D. W. Shanks, George C. Moore. Ruling Elder, O. Hendrick.

Synod of South Carolina. Ministers: A. G. Johnston, R. W. Shive. Ruling Elder, J. P. George.

Synod of Texas. Ministers: E. S. Campbell, Thomas Morrow. Ruling Elder, A. O. Norris.

Synod of Virginia. Ministers: J. M. Cochran, John H. Rice, D. D. Ruling Elder, J. S. Colmery.

On motion of Prof. Woodrow, it was made the order of the day for Monday morning, at 10 o'clock, to hear the report of the *ad interim* Committee on Beneficiary Education.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Phillips, it was made the order of the day for Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock, to hear the report of the Committee on the Hymn Book.

The following additional commissioners were reported and enrolled, viz.:

From the Presbytery of Mississippi, George Hall, minister, and Israel Spencer, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, D. D. McBryde, minister; from the Presbytery of Red River, Alfred Simpson, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Bethel, Wm. Banks,

minister; from the Presbytery of Montgomery, Frederick Johnston, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Concord, H. H. Banks, minister; from the Presbytery of West Hanover, J. M. P. Atkinson, D. D., minister; and from the Presbytery of Knoxville, Thomas H. McCallie, minister.

The Rev. Dr. Adger was excused from serving on the Standing Committee on Education, and the Rev. Dr. Atkinson was appointed in his place as chairman.

The following resolution, offered by the Rev. S. A. King, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures, viz.:

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed, with instructions to ascertain the probable aggregate expenses of commissioners from all the Presbyteries in our connexion, and to report a plan for raising a general commissioners' fund, in such a manner as will make the burden bear equally on the whole membership of our Church.

An overture from the Synod of South Carolina was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

The hour for the first order of the day having arrived, viz., the consideration of that part of the report of the Committee of Revision which refers to parliamentary rules, it was

Resolved, That until the adoption of the report of the Committee, this Assembly shall be governed by the old rules.

The report of the Committee was then taken up, and the Assembly proceeded to consider the rules *seriatim*. After some progress had been made, the second order of the day was announced, and the report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions was presented by the Secretary, the Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D.; after which he presented on his own behalf, and by permission, a memorial on the subject of a general plan of Sustentation and Missions.

(See Appendix for this Memorial.)

On motion of Prof. Woodrow, it was resolved that the first part of this report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions, with the accompanying papers, and the Memorial presented by Dr. Wilson, be referred to the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions; and that the last part of the report on Domestic Missions be referred to the Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence.

The report of the Executive Committee on Education was read by the Secretary, the Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., and referred to the Standing Committee on that subject.

The name of the Rev. J. Simpson Frierson, commissioner from the Presbytery of North Alabama, alternate to the Rev. F. A. Thompson, was reported and enrolled.

The annual report from the Theological Seminary at Columbia, and also the annual report from the Union Theological Seminary, were read and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminaries.

The Stated Clerk, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made a report which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that in order to meet the expenses of the Assembly, they recommend the following schedule of assessments:

1. The following Presbyteries shall be assessed in the sum of twenty-five dollars each:

East Alabama, South Alabama, Hopewell, Flint River, Memphis, Central Mississippi, Mississippi, New Orleans, Concord, Fayetteville, Orange, Harmony, South Carolina, East Hanover, Lexington, Montgomery, Roanoke, West Hanover, Nashville.

2. The following Presbyteries shall be assessed in the sum of twenty dollars each : Tuscaloosa, Tombeckbee, North Alabama, Bethel, Western District, Charleston, Greenbrier, Winchester.

3. The following Presbyteries shall be assessed ten dollars each : East Mississippi, Arkansas, Ouachita, Cherokee, Florida, Chickasaw, North Mississippi, Tusculumbia, Holston, Red River, Potomac.

4. The following Presbyteries shall be assessed five dollars each : Indian, Georgia, Knoxville, Western Texas, Brazos, Central Texas, Eastern Texas.

The Committee likewise recommend that the published minutes of the Assembly shall be furnished, by the Stated Clerk, to all who shall desire the same, for the sum of fifty cents, and to all stated clerks of Presbyteries, gratis.

The Rev. Dr. Rice offered a memorial in regard to a change in the time of the annual meeting of the Assembly, which was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, recommending that half an hour each day shall be devoted to religious services, beginning at half past eleven o'clock, a. m. This report was adopted.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the rules of order, and after some time spent on this subject, it adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. H. B. Boude.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. S. B. Campbell. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Stated Clerk informed the Assembly that the Presbytery of the Creek Nation had been dissolved by the Synod of Arkansas.

The following additional commissioners were announced and enrolled, viz.: From the Presbytery of Indian, C. C. Copeland, minister; from the Presbytery of New Orleans, B. M. Palmer, D. D., minister; from the Presbytery of South Alabama, James Watson, minister; from the Presbytery of Central Mississippi, R. E. Sherrill, minister; from the Presbytery of East Alabama, G. R. Foster, minister; and from the Presbytery of Roanoke, George C. Hannah, ruling elder.

The Committee on Elections reported that the second class of commissioners from the Presbytery of North Alabama, whose case was before them on a previous day, had now furnished satisfactory evidence that said Presbytery is entitled to four commissioners; and they therefore recommended that the Rev. M. M. Marshall, D. D., minister, and Isaiah Dill, ruling elder, be enrolled as additional commissioners to this Assembly from that Presbytery. This report was adopted.

The consideration of the report on Parliamentary Rules was resumed, when the report, having been amended in various particulars, was adopted. (The Report on Parliamentary Rules is in the hands of the Executive Committee of Publication.)

A paper containing the action of the Synod of North Carolina in regard to a transfer of Union Theological Seminary to the care of the General Assembly, was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries.

The order of the day having arrived, the Committee on Revision presented their report on the Canons of Discipline, which was taken up and proceeded with until the second order of the day was announced, when the report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions was read by the Secretary, the Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., which, with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions. A memorial from the Synod of Arkansas in regard to missions among the Choctaws and other Indians, was referred to the same Committee.

The order of the day for devotional services having arrived, the hour was changed from 11½ to 1 o'clock.

The report of the Executive Committee of Publication was read by the Secretary, the Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., which, together with the report of the Treasurer, was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises presented a report, containing appointments for preaching in various churches in the city, and also for the communion of the Lord's Supper in the Second Presbyterian Church, which was accepted.

The considerations of the report on the Canons of Discipline was resumed and continued until 1 o'clock, ~~when~~ after half an hour spent in devotional services, the Assembly adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. R. E. Sherrill. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

W. C. Dunlap, minister, commissioner from the Presbytery of East Texas, was reported and enrolled. A defective commission from the Presbytery of Arkansas was referred to the Committee on Elections; and upon the recommendation of the chairman of that Committee, the name of Alfred M. Goodwin, ruling elder from said Presbytery, was enrolled as a commissioner to this Assembly.

The unfinished business, viz., the consideration of the Canons of Discipline, was taken up, and proceeded with until the arrival of the order of the day, when the report of the Committee continued by the last General Assembly, on the subject of Beneficiary Education, was presented by the chairman, the Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., accompanied with certain resolutions. This report was received and approved, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix. (See Appendix.)

The consideration of the resolutions was made the order of the day immediately after disposing of the report of the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 1, with an answer thereto, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Overture No. 1. A request from the Synod of Virginia for a change of the boundary line between that Synod and the Synod of North Carolina.

The Committee find that the Presbytery of Orange, which is affected thereby, has agreed to the proposed alteration, and that the Synod of North Carolina has given its consent to the same. They therefore recommend the following minute to the Assembly for its adoption:

The General Assembly hereby transfers to the Synod of Virginia, to be connected with the Presbytery of Roanoke, that portion of the territory of Virginia lying South of Dan River which now belongs to the Presbytery of Orange, of the Synod of North Carolina, embracing the churches of Danville, Clarksville, Spring Hill, and Penuel, to carry with it the Rev. John M. Kirkpatrick, pastor of the church of Danville, Rev. F. N. Whaley, pastor of the church of Clarksville, and Rev. John B. Shearer, pastor of the church of Spring Hill—so that the State line shall hereafter be the boundary between the Synod of Virginia and the Synod of North Carolina.

Also Overture No. 5, with its answer, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Overture No. 5. The memorial of Drs. John H. Rice and J. B. Adger, requesting the Assembly to take measures to fix the time of meeting of the Assembly in the month of May in each and every year.

The Committee recommend that the Assembly concur in the request of the memorialists, and that the time of the meeting of the General Assembly, be fixed on the third Thursday of May in each year.

Also, Nos. 4 and 7, with their answers, which were placed upon the docket.

The unfinished business being resumed, it was prosecuted until the hour appointed for devotional services. At the close of this season of worship, the Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, recommending that a meeting in the interests of Theological Education be held in this church to-morrow (Tuesday) evening, at 7 o'clock, under the conduct of the Rev. John H. Rice, D. D., Rev. J. A. Lyon, D. D., Rev. B. M. Smith, D. D., and Rev. F. A. Ross, D. D. This report was approved.

It was resolved that the Assembly will adjourn to meet this evening and thereafter, at 7 o'clock.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

MONDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with religious services, prayer being offered by the Rev. J. R. Graham, after which, according to a previous arrangement, addresses were made on the subject of Missions, especially in reference to the wants of our own Church, by the Rev. Dr. J. Leighton Wilson, Rev. Dr. Cunningham, Rev. J. M. Cochran, Rev. Dr. Palmer, and Rev. Dr. F. A. Ross.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Palmer, it was made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, to hear the delegate from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Thomas Morrow. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had granted leave of absence to L. B. Thornton, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Tuscumbia.

The unfinished business of yesterday was resumed and continued until the order of the day was taken up, when the report of the Committee on the Revision of the Hymn Book was presented on behalf of that Committee by the Rev. Dr. William Brown. The Rev. C. S. Dod, a member of the Committee, presented a minority report, when, on motion of Dr. Woodrow, both of these reports, with both the volumes of Hymns prepared, were referred to a committee, whose duty it should be to report such further action as might be judged advisable. Messrs. Woodrow, Graham, Cochran, Campbell, Estes, Walker, and Bartlett, were appointed said committee.

The Committee on the records of the Synod of Arkansas, reported, recommending their approval so far as written; which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported, with their answers, Overtures No. 2, 3, 6, and 8. The reports were adopted, and are as follows:

Overture No. 2, from the Synod of Memphis, requesting the General Assembly to adjust the boundary line between the Synod of Nashville and that Synod, so that the southern boundary of the State of Tennessee shall also be the southern boundary of the Synod of Nashville, separating it in that part from the Synod of Memphis.

The Committee having considered the reasons for this boundary line presented by the Synod of Memphis, and the arguments offered against it by members of the Synod of Nashville, recommend that the southern boundary of the State of Tennessee, from the point where it crosses the Tennessee River eastward to the east line of Alabama, be the boundary between the Synod of Nashville and the Synod of Memphis, with this exception: that Madison county, in the State of Alabama, to within five miles along the northern bank of the Tennessee River, shall be included in the Synod of Nashville.

Overture No. 3. Resolutions of the Presbytery of Mississippi respecting the instruction of colored children and adults in letters and religion.

On this subject, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of our ministers, elders, and people, to organise Sabbath-schools for colored children and adults, in which they shall be taught to read the word of God, and be instructed in the duties of religion.

2. *Resolved*, That the attention of the Executive Committee of Publication be directed to the importance of furnishing a supply of suitable books for their instruction in reading, and of procuring the means of a gratuitous supply of the same when this may be necessary.

Overture No. 6. Request of the Presbytery of South Carolina, asking the General Assembly to make it obligatory on church sessions, in granting dismissions to heads of families, to include therein the baptized children under their care.

The committee would reply to this overture, that it has been fully provided for in Chap. II., Article VII., of the "Canons of Discipline," adopted by this body.

Overture No. 8. An overture sent by Tuskegee church to the Presbytery of East Alabama, and referred by said Presbytery to this General Assembly.

This overture has reference to the relation between the Church and the State, and especially in respect to the observance of those days designated by the civil magistrate as days of fasting, prayer, or thanksgiving.

On these points, the Assembly would declare anew the doctrine of our time-honored Confession, that Christ alone is King and Head of his Church, and that all ordinances of worship binding on us are ordained by him alone: that there are two commonwealths, equally appointed by God, the civil, whose object is to protect the persons and property, and promote the well-being of men as they are members of civil society; and the religious, the commonwealth of Israel, whose object it is to train men, as they are sinners, for glory and immortality. Although

these exist together in this world, each is independent of the other in its own sphere. The Church of Christ, as it is visible in any country, is divided among many denominations, who act in their appointments for religious observance without reference to each other, each being responsible to Christ their Head. In the civil commonwealth, there is one and the same civil authority, ruling in its own sphere over all. On occasions of national calamities and sorrows, or of prosperity and joy, it is the dictate of that religious nature with which God has endowed us, and accordant with the teachings of his holy word, that we should humble ourselves, as a people, with prayer and fasting, or offer to him thanksgiving and praise. The people that truly abases itself before God, or offers to him thanksgiving, performs an act well pleasing in his sight. And when the civil power, which alone can reach us all, invites to these acts, and so furnishes the occasion for their performance, it is right for those who bear rule in the visible Church to consider whether Christ their Head, who, as Mediatorial King, rules over the nations of the earth, as well as over his Church, does not himself invite them to these acts of worship. He is their Lord. And to their own Master they stand or fall. The act of the civil power does but secure that concert of prayer, praise, and worship, that would be wanting without it. And we cannot condemn the civil magistrate who thus furnishes the opportunity of united religious acts, so consonant to the dictates of the hearts of a Christian people and to the religion they profess.

We do not enjoin the observance of such days in all cases, nor would we dissuade from such observance, but remit the determination of the question, in each case, to our church sessions.

Overture No. 4, with answer, was reported, and ordered to be placed on the docket.

The consideration of the Canons of Discipline was resumed, and continued until the order of the day arrived, when the Rev. H. L. Murphy addressed the Assembly, presenting the cordial salutations of the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, in behalf of which he appeared as a delegate to this body. The Rev. Dr. Palmer (occupying the Moderator's chair) presented in response the cordial welcome of the Assembly.

It was resolved that in view of the arrangements made for a meeting in behalf of Theological Education to-night, the Assembly will adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The meeting of the next General Assembly was appointed to be held in the First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, Tennessee.

The records of the Synod of Virginia were, upon the recommendation of the committee appointed to examine them, approved so far as written.

The following report was presented and approved:

The Judicial Committee report to the General Assembly, that no judicial case, either of appeal, complaint, or reference, has been placed in their hands. The Committee would fain hope that this would indicate, either that the happy condition of our widely extended Church has afforded no occasion for the exercise of discipline, or that the Holy Spirit has guided the mind of the lower courts to the wise and satisfactory determination of such cases as may have come before them.

After some time spent in the consideration of the unfinished business, the Assembly engaged in devotional services, and then adjourned. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Caldwell. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

After some progress made in the unfinished business of yesterday,

the order of the day was taken up, when the Rev. Charles A. Davis, D. D., the delegate from the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, addressed the Assembly, presenting the cordial salutations of that body, and intimating his belief that an extensive and growing desire for a closer union between the two bodies prevailed. To this address the Moderator of the Assembly responded in appropriate terms, assuring the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, through its delegate, of the esteem and fraternal love of the Assembly and the Church it represents.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That the subject of Christian union brought before this Assembly by the Rev. Dr. Davis in his address, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with instructions to report a suitable minute; and that the Rev. Drs. B. M. Palmer and J. M. P. Atkinson, and ruling elder Geo. J. S. Walker, be added to the Committee.

The Committee on Elections reported, recommending that Joseph C. Wilson, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Central Texas, be admitted to his seat as a commissioner. This reported was adopted, and his name was enrolled.

The Standing Committee on Domestic Missions presented, through its chairman, the Rev. Dr. Cunningham, a report in part, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions, beg leave to report that they have carefully and prayerfully considered it; and in view of all its facts and arguments, would recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That the report be approved, and that it be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

2. *Resolved*, That in the ability granted to the Committee of Missions—chiefly through the liberality of friends outside and beyond the bounds of our Church—whereby they have been enabled to relieve the pressing necessities of so many of our impoverished ministers, and to render aid to so many of our feeble churches in rebuilding their demolished sanctuaries, this Assembly recognises with gratitude “the good hand of our God upon us,” and feels encouraged to go forward with renewed zeal and confidence in the great work that God in his providence has spread out before us.

3. *Resolved*, That reduced as are our resources by the ravages of war, and wide as is the field within our bounds, and loud and urgent as is the call for a vastly augmented outlay of money and labor, this Assembly is constrained to regard the cultivation of this field as *the peculiar work that God has given us to do*. Not only does it lie within our territorial limits, but the sympathies of its Presbyterian population are all with us. To us they look for help; the work is ours, and if done at all, must be done by us. Therefore,

4. *Resolved*, That in humble reliance upon divine grace, we accept the providential commission and command put into our hands; and we hereby solemnly pledge and consecrate ourselves and the Church we represent, to its accomplishment, not doubting but that He who gives the command, will give the grace that will enable us to perform it.

5. *Resolved*, That it be hereby enjoined upon our ministers to present the wants and the claims of this great subject at an early day to all the churches in which they labor; and that the sessions in said churches are hereby required to give the people under their care an opportunity of contributing of their substance for its necessities.

6. *Resolved*, That all our Presbyteries are hereby called upon to take this subject up at their earliest convenience: and that they see to it that everything is done that can be well and wisely done, first, to supply their own destitutions by

engaging the services of any ministers under their care, without charge, with suitable remuneration; and by directing their pastors and stated supplies to devote two weeks, or more if necessary and practicable, to missionary labors; and secondly, to augment the general funds of the Church, under the direction of the central Committee of Missions.

7. Resolved. That we enjoin upon the sessions and congregations the duty of aiding and encouraging their pastors and stated supplies to perform missionary labor whenever practicable.

The remainder of the report was presented by the Rev. Dr. Rice, which, having been accepted, was placed on the docket.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 9, with an answer, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Overture No. 9. Resolutions of the Alabama Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Church, seeking a union with this body, and the resolutions of the Presbytery of South Alabama in response.

The resolutions are as follows:

To the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in session at Memphis, Tennessee;

Dear Brother: The Presbytery of South Alabama has instructed me to forward to the General Assembly the following papers:

1.

Action of the Alabama Presbytery of the Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church on the subject of union with the South Alabama Presbytery.

"On the subject of union with the South Alabama Presbytery, the following resolutions were moved and adopted:

"Resolved, 1. That we dissent from and much regret the action of our late Synod in suspending negotiations with the Old School Presbyterian Church, South, looking towards a union with that body.

"Resolved, 2. That we greatly desire and will continue to make efforts to accomplish an organic union with that body.

"Resolved, 3. That having committed ourselves to the union, in Synod and Presbytery, we will persevere in the fear of God to its final accomplishment.

"Certified copy from Minutes.

(Signed.)

JOHN MILLER, *Clerk.*"

2.

Resolutions in response by the Presbytery of South Alabama:

Resolved, 1. That we have heard with satisfaction and joy, the resolutions of the Associate Reformed Presbytery of Alabama, looking to an organic union with this body. And we do most heartily reciprocate the feelings of love and Christian regard expressed to us by their delegate, the Rev. J. M. Young; and we hope the day is not far distant when this union, so devoutly to be desired, may be consummated to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

2. That we overture the next General Assembly to authorise us to consummate this union, as soon as God in his providence may open the way, with this understanding, that we come together as Presbyteries—co-ordinate Presbyteries—and that the churches shall be indulged and protected in the use of their time-honored psalmody.

By order of the Presbytery of South Alabama.

H. R. RAYMOND, *Stated Clerk.*

It would be accordant with the wishes of this Assembly, if it could immediately consummate, by its own act, the union which these Presbyteries so earnestly desire. But in the written Constitution of our Church, the erecting, uniting, and dividing of Presbyteries is enumerated among the prerogatives of Synods. This Assembly does therefore, first, authorise the Synod of Alabama to receive into union with itself the Alabama Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, provided it shall adopt the Form of Government and Rules of Discipline of our own Church, wherein they may differ from theirs; that this Presbytery be received

as co-ordinate with the Presbytery of South Alabama; that the Synod, after this reception, proceed to dissolve the two Presbyteries, which, if continued, will cover one and the same territory; that out of the constituents of these bodies they form a new Presbytery, the ministers of which shall be enrolled according to their seniority in their ordination.

2. This Assembly recognises, as preceding Assemblies have done, the right of our members to use the old Psalmsody, commonly known as Rouse's Version, if they prefer it, and will protect the ministers and churches thus received into connexion with us from the Associate Reformed Church, in the use of that Psalmsody to which they have so long been accustomed.

3. That the same order may be observed by other Synods, in the reception of organised Presbyteries of the Associate Reformed Church within their bounds, if need so require, without further action of this body.

The records of the Synod of Texas were, upon the recommendation of the Committee, approved so far as written, with a few exceptions of minor importance, which were entered upon the book.

The Committee on the records of the Synod of Alabama, reporting that said records were not present, was discharged.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, to hear the report of the Committee on the Religious Instruction of the Freedmen.

It was resolved that the adjournment of the Assembly, to-day, shall be to meet at half past 3 o'clock, p. m.; and that after to-day, it will adjourn at half past 1 o'clock, to meet at 5 o'clock, p. m., and adjourn at 9 o'clock, p. m.

The consideration of the unfinished business was continued until the time for devotional services, after the observance of which, the Assembly adjourned to meet at half past 3 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 3½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Marshall.

The unfinished business was taken up and continued until the hour of adjournment.

Adjourned to meet in the Second Presbyterian Church this evening at 7½ o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. James Watson.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7½ o'clock.

The Assembly met in the Second Presbyterian Church, when, after the singing of a hymn, prayer was offered by the Rev. Neill McKay.

The report from the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions was presented by the chairman, the Rev. H. C. Alexander, and accepted.

In accordance with previous arrangements, the Assembly and congregation were addressed on the subject of Foreign Missions by the Rev. Dr. Woodrow, of the Presbytery of Hopewell, the Rev. C. C. Copeland, of the Presbytery of Indian, and upon invitation of the Assembly, by the Rev. Elias B. Inslee, Missionary to China, and the Rev. Dr. Stuart Robinson, of Kentucky.

The Assembly then adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilson.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. S. A. King. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow night, at 7 o'clock, to hear the report of the Standing Committee on Publication.

The report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions presented last night, was taken up and adopted, and is as follows;

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to offer the following report:

Through the good hand of our God upon us we are again permitted to send a voice of greeting to the churches.

Your Committee in presenting the result of their labors, see much cause for congratulation, and none for serious despondency. It is true the situation of things in our land is such as to close for the present many "wide doors and effectual" that were once opened to us in foreign countries; it is true that war has swept like an "overflowing scourge" over our fair fields, and has put a temporary check upon our most hopeful operations; it is true our treasury has been at one time nearly bankrupt, and that our means of extending the saving knowledge of Christ among them that sit in darkness are still extremely limited.

But, on the other hand, they are refreshed and encouraged by the recollection that the work in which we are engaged is not man's, but Jehovah's, and that we have God's own promise that it shall go on to completion.

Had the great undertaking which proposes to itself as its supreme end the glory of God in the conversion of the world, sprung from any merely human source, it would have long since come to naught. The days in which we live are not the only days in the history of the Church that have been dark days for cause of Missions.

When the disciples of Jesus parted in tears after the ascension of their divine Master, the light of the true religion was confined to Jewish centres, and even there that light had grown dim. Outside of Palestine were the wide regions of spiritual death. The civilisation of the age, (which had now reached its height, and was beginning to become effete,) was comprised within the bounds of the Roman Empire, and was marked by some of the noblest attributes of human wisdom, and some of the most signal manifestations of human power; but it was essentially a heathen and hence a godless civilisation; and while it must be conceded to have been in some sense religious, the religion that it countenanced was the religion of hell, and not of heaven; and the worship that it boasted, the worship of devils, not of God. Beyond the limits of the Roman eagles stretched the outlying tracts of pagan darkness. Yet at this very conjuncture, unpromising as it must have seemed, and out of the very depths of this profound hopelessness, was uttered the divine commission under which we now labor to carry on this mighty enterprise: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

There was no human prospect of success. The religion of the cross was opposed by all the power of the State, and repugnant to all the feelings of the natural heart. Mahomet, who pandered to the corrupt inclinations of men, and resorted to the sword and to the firebrand, rather than to motives which address themselves to the conscience, has maintained a disputed authority over the children of the East. But the harmless religion of Jesus, in the face of every human prejudice, and every opposing influence of a merely outward kind, is now rapidly extending itself over the earth. Marvellous good has come out of Nazareth, and vastly more is destined yet to be achieved. Look at the results that have been already gained. Religion, and religion in the Christian form, is now high in the ascendant, over the broad continents of this world. It has taken possession of the great centres of civilisation throughout the earth. Heathenism, Moslemism, and Buddhism, have fallen, or are falling every day. Lucifer, son of the morning, no longer blazes in the mid firmament. Anti-Christian powers and anti-Christian thrones are coming down. Infidelity itself has been made to

tremble, and the head of the monster has been wounded unto death. Nominal Christendom is now the grand arsenal of strength and influence throughout the world. Protestantism has triumphed on many a grand pitched field over Greek and Roman error. The gospel has girdled the earth, and the banners of the cross float from sea to sea. No weapons that have been formed against the Church have prospered. The gates of hell have not prevailed against the rock on which her hopes are built. The chains in which it was sought to bind her youthful strength have been burst like green withes.

Now all this is due under God to *Christian missions*, in the larger acceptation of that term. Let the past be our guarantee for the future! We have there the indication of a more than human power. There is no reason for doubt as to the future that has not existed in tenfold force in the past. "The victory," as one has said, "which Diocletian and Porphyry failed to gain, is not to all appearance reserved for any of those who have, in this age, directed their attacks against the last resort of the powerful and the last hope of the wretched." As Jannes and Jambres, for a time successfully, withstood Moses, but were afterwards confounded, so shall all succeeding adversaries fail. The "foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his."

In view of these glorious expectations that are presented to the Christian's faith, may we not—ought we not, to enter with new alacrity on the work? We are prone to take too gloomy a view of this matter. We were not the only Christians in the world at the commencement of this war. Others have been active while we have been under duress. Whilst we have been shut up in the providence of God, sister Churches in this and other lands have not been idle; the cause has not slumbered, though we have not borne as heretofore our share of the heat and burden of the day. The harvest is indeed great, and the laborers are few, but the reapers are afield in every direction, and the Macedonian cry which we have heard from our infancy, still comes up to us from distant lands. "Look upon the fields, for they are white already to the harvest!" We have a high trust to perform. We must make up for lost time. We must devote to God our lives and talents. We must consecrate to God our silver and our gold, in some proportion to the silver and the gold that we buried on our lost battle-fields. Of course we can move but slowly at present, in the work of breaking up new ground, but we must be getting ready for the future years.

Your Standing Committee recommend most earnestly the adoption of the entire chart of operations that is sketched out in the report of your Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.

The brother (who is providentially with us) whose heart God has touched, and who has resolved to devote there mainder of his life to the myriads of China, must be sustained.

Nor must we "bate one jot of heart or hope" in the Indian field. The hands of the venerable Father Kingsbury, who has stood so long as a veteran at the post of honor and danger, must be held up; the survivors of the noble band of brethren who have rallied round him, like a forlorn hope, must be cheered and supported. The vacancy that is occasioned by the retirement of Brother Byington must be filled. The treasury must be replenished, and the work of Indian Missions greatly extended and enlarged. The Committee would suggest that the attention of our churches be specially turned to the absolute necessity of training young men for this work among the American Indians. The red man, no less than the black man, is at our very doors crying out for the gospel.

With regard to the overture from the Synod of South Carolina, which was referred to this Committee, touching a mission to Brazil, it is recommended that this Assembly express its hearty sympathy with the Christian brethren who propose to leave us for strange shores, in their desire for a pure gospel and for the voice of the living minister, whom they ask that we should send; but it is the opinion of your Committee that all action on our part looking in that direction, would be at this time premature.

With reference to a communication referred to this Committee from the Synod of Arkansas, it is recommended that this Assembly hereby gives formal expression to its deep sense of the increasing importance and exigency of this great work, and of its sorrow that the circumstances detailed in the Executive Committee's

report, should have seemed to call for the retirement of one and the discharge of two other missionaries from this field. May the blessing of the risen and ascended Saviour dwell richly with those who remain, and accompany those who depart! It is, however, with unalloyed satisfaction that we learn that Brother Byington entertains the purpose of devoting himself in the future still more unreservedly than in the past to the translation of the Bible into the Choctaw language. As it is ascertained that a number of stations in the Choctaw Mission are already vacant, the duty is solemnly urged upon all the churches within our bounds to come up to the help of the Lord, and to contribute as they may be enabled to do so, and in the measure in which the Lord has prospered them, of the means that are requisite to the supply of these destitutions.

The recommendation of your Secretary that pastors be urged to present this whole subject to their people at stated times, and that it be made at these times the special theme of intercession before the throne of grace, meets with the entire concurrence of this Committee.

Your Committee have bestowed proper attention upon the report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, and do hereby recommend its cordial and unanimous adoption by this General Assembly.

The minutes, and the audited report of the Treasurer, have also been carefully examined, and it is recommended that they be approved.

Your Committee would also unite in recommending the appointment of the persons already nominated by your Standing Committee on Domestic Missions, as your Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz.: Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., *Secretary*, Rev. Prof. James Woodrow, *Treasurer*, Rev. George Howe, D. D., Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., Rev. A. W. Miller, Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., Rev. Wm. E. Boggs, Henry Muller, Esq., Gen. F. W. McMaster, Dr. E. Nye Hutchison.

It is moreover the prayer of your Committee that the great Head of the Church would favor these our humble efforts in his service, and would "make Zion a praise in the whole earth."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. C. ALEXANDER, *Chairman*.

The Rev. A. A. Morse offered a paper on the subject of Missions, which was placed on the docket.

The unfinished business was resumed, and the consideration of the Canons of Discipline was continued until the hour for the first order of the day.

The chairman of the Committee on the instruction of Freedmen informed the Assembly that no report had as yet been prepared. The paper sent by the Rev. J. L. Girardeau, the chairman of the Committee on this subject appointed last year, was ordered to be read. This paper presented, at its close, certain resolutions which were read, and, with amendments offered by Drs. Atkinson and Palmer, were discussed at some length, and then made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The Rev. Dr. Baird, from the Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries, presented a report which was accepted and adopted, except so much as relates to the removal of Columbia Seminary. The report is as follows:

The Committee to whom were referred the papers relative to Theological Seminaries would offer the following report:

We find that Union Theological Seminary has been in operation during the past year with a full corps of professors, and twenty-four students in attendance, one of whom completed the course prescribed. There has been no increase this year of the endowment fund of the Seminary, which fund is wholly inadequate to the support of the Seminary, but, through the Christian liberality of friends in

Baltimore, the professors have been paid their salaries. Some of the students have been assisted, and there is a small balance of funds on hand.

We find that the Columbia Theological Seminary has been in operation during the year, with five students in attendance; but two of the professorships are vacant. The endowment fund of the Seminary has been greatly injured, and is inadequate to the support of the Seminary. A part of the endowment is of doubtful solvency. Yet, through the bounty of friends, donations from the churches, and the use of coupons on hand, the salaries of the professors have been nominally paid. But the Seminary must receive the earnest attention of the Assembly for the future; for there is no permanent fund upon which this institution can rely.

Your Committee learn that, since the report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary was prepared, in obedience to the order of the Board of Directors, under the advice of the Synod of North Carolina, the Rev. Dr. B. M. Smith has prosecuted an agency for adding to the permanent funds of the Seminary, which has resulted in securing about \$50,000; of which \$30,000 was given by Mr. Cyrus H. McCormick, of Chicago, as an endowment for a professorship; \$10,000 by a Christian lady of Baltimore, for the erection of a Library building.

Also, since the annual report of Columbia Theological Seminary was made, its funds have been increased by the unsolicited donation of \$13,000 by three Christian friends not connected with our Church.

In view of all these facts, your Committee would offer the following resolutions for adoption by the Assembly:

Resolved, 1. That we recognise the hand of our God guiding our Seminaries amidst the difficulties and privations under which they have labored, and we praise his name for his goodness.

2. That the thanks of this Assembly are due and are hereby tendered to Mr. Cyrus H. McCormick, of Chicago, for his munificent contribution of \$30,000 to the funds of Union Theological Seminary, and to the other liberal friends who have come to the help of these Seminaries at this time of trial.

3. That we recognise the hand of God, by whom all hearts are controlled, in the aid which he has inclined his servants to extend to these venerable schools of the prophets.

4. That the Constitution of the Columbia Theological Seminary be so amended that the name of the chair of "Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric," shall be "Pastoral and Evangelistic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric."

5. That the Assembly during its present session will elect a professor to fill the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology; also one to fill the chair of Pastoral and Evangelistic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric, in Columbia Theological Seminary; and the Board of Directors are urged to make the necessary arrangements for the support of these professors.

6. That the thanks of the Assembly are due the professors of our Seminaries for their unfaltering devotion and energy in keeping alive the voice of instruction in these institutions under circumstances of unusual trial.

7. That the Assembly endorse the appointments of the Board of Directors of Columbia Theological Seminary, viz.: Rev. Dr. Howe and Rev. Wm. Banks, to visit the Synod of South Carolina; Rev. Dr. Woodrow, Rev. Rufus K. Porter, and Rev. Dr. J. S. Wilson, to visit the Synod of Georgia; Rev. Drs. Adger, Stillman, and J. L. Wilson, to visit the Synod of Alabama; Rev. Drs. Lyon and Palmer, to visit the Synod of Mississippi, for the purpose raising funds to supplement the salaries of professors. Also the appointment of the following committee to complete the endowment of the chairs: Rev. Drs. Joseph R. Wilson, B. M. Palmer, J. A. Lyon, and Rev. J. R. Burgett.

8. That the thanks of the Assembly be returned to Andrew Crawford, Esq., of Columbia, S. C., for his long and valuable services as Treasurer of Columbia Theological Seminary.

9. That the Assembly would urge upon all the churches a greater interest in our Seminaries, and especially upon the members of the Church to whom the Lord has given this world's goods, the necessity of completing the endowment of the several chairs.

10. That the memorial from the Synod of North Carolina, requiring the sanc-

tion of the Synod of Virginia, which sanction has not been reported, be filed amongst the papers of the Stated Clerk.

Your Committee would now recommend the following named persons to constitute the Board of Directors for Columbia Theological Seminary: Henry Muller, Columbia, S. C., *Treasurer*; Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., Rev. William Banks, Rev. William Flinn, Rev. R. K. Porter, Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. D. McQueen, Rev. A. F. Dickson, Ruling Elders T. C. Perrin, and J. A. Ansley.

The Treasurer of this Board shall receive a salary of \$200 per annum.

Your Committee would also report that, as the subject of the removal of Columbia Theological Seminary farther west, has been, and is now being agitated in the Church, this Assembly ought to settle the question as to what its sense is; the Committee reminding the Assembly that the movement requires the consent of the Synods of South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. BAIRD, *Chairman*.

The title of the Professorship of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric was changed to Pastoral and Evangelistic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric.

The subject of the removal of the Seminary was made the second order of the day for to-morrow.

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon, at 5 o'clock, to receive nominations to fill the chairs of Didactic and Polemic Theology and of Pastoral and Evangelistic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric.

The consideration of that part of the report of the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions which relates to a plan of Sustentation, was made the order of the day for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned to meet in the Lecture Room at 5 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Evans.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 5 o'clock.

The Assembly met in the Lecture Room, and was opened with prayer by Dr. Thompson. The order of the day was suspended to hear the report of the special committee on the Hymn Book. This report, presented by the Rev. Dr. Woodrow, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to which was referred the report of the Committee of Revision of the Book of Psalms and Hymns, the minority report presented by the Rev. Charles S. Dod, with other papers, begs leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the report of the Committee of Revision be approved.

2. That the minority report and other papers referred to this Committee, be referred to the Committee of Revision.

3. That the Committee be directed to incorporate in the Book of Psalms not less than fifty from the version used in the Scottish churches, arranging these under the several Psalms as part 1st, 2nd, etc., as it may deem best.

4. That the Rev. Messrs. Wm. Banks and J. H. Bryson be added to the Committee of Revision.

5. That the Committee shall be at liberty to make, in the Book submitted as part of its report, such minor alterations, i. e. additions or omissions of psalms and hymns, or changes of phraseology, as it may see fit after examining the minority report and other papers referred to it by the General Assembly, and also the suggestions made to it by members of the Church.

6. That the Committee, through the Executive Committee of Publication, be

directed to publish for the use of the churches, at the earliest possible day, the Book of Psalms and Hymns, with the changes now ordered or permitted.

JAMES WOODROW, *Chairman*.

The order of the day was then taken up, being the nomination of Professors for the Theological Seminary at Columbia. Before entering upon this duty, the Assembly engaged in prayer to God, offered by the Rev. Dr. William Brown, for the guidance of his Holy Spirit. The Rev. Dr. Palmer nominated the Rev. A. W. Miller for the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology, and Rev. Dr. Cunningham nominated the Rev. Wm. S. Plumer, D. D. The Rev. Dr. Baird nominated for the chair of Pastoral and Evangelistic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric, the Rev. James A. Lyon, D. D.; ruling elder J. A. Ansley nominated the Rev. T. V. Moore, D. D.

It was resolved that the election to fill these chairs shall be the order of the day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

The consideration of the Form of Government was entered upon, and continued until the hour of adjournment, when the Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. S. Robinson of Kentucky.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. W. Moore. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee to review the records of the Synod of Nashville reported, recommending their approval with certain exceptions stated. This report was adopted.

The chairman of the Standing Committee on Education presented a report, when the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the Standing Committee on Education be recommended, and that the resolutions reported by the Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Wilson on Beneficiary Education be referred to the same Committee, to report immediately after the report on Domestic Missions shall have been acted on; and that the Rev. Dr. Woodrow be added to the Committee.

The order of the day for 10 o'clock was postponed until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and the report of the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions was made the order for 10 o'clock this morning.

Overture No. 7 was taken from the docket, and a substitute was offered by the Rev. S. A. King. This subject was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

A report from the Committee on the Charter was presented by ruling elder B. M. Estes, which report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Hon. Thomas C. Perrin in reference to the charter of the church, and, as an exhibit thereto, a copy of the Act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, incorporating and chartering "the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States," ratified on the 19th day of February, 1866, beg leave most respectfully to report that they have carefully considered the said communication and examined the provisions of the charter, and are of the opinion that said charter, although subject to some criticism and objections, ought to be accepted even upon the terms prescribed by the laws of North Carolina as set forth in the communication of Mr. Perrin. The defects in and objections to said charter as already passed may probably without much difficulty be

remedied and overcome hereafter by amendments to the charter to be prescribed by some future General Assembly; but for the time being it is unquestionably the part of wisdom to accept and organise under the charter as it now stands. The committee therefore recommend the acceptance of the charter granted by the Legislature of North Carolina, and an organisation thereunder at as early a day as practicable.

The committee having collected, by contributions from the ruling elders present and members of the General Assembly, the sum of one hundred dollars, now tender the same to the General Assembly on behalf of the said elders, and recommend that it be placed in the hands of some suitable person to be selected by this body who shall pay it into the treasury of the State of North Carolina in pursuance of the "Revenue Law" of said State, which prescribes "that before any organisation under an act or amended act of incorporation of the State can be formed, a certified copy of said charter must be obtained from the Secretary of State, who shall not grant the same until the sum of one hundred dollars is paid into the Treasury of the State." The committee further recommend that the Trustees nominated in said charter, or the person appointed by this Assembly to receive said sum of money, be requested to submit to the proper officials of the State of North Carolina the question as to whether said "Revenue Law" above referred to, was intended or will be construed to extend to and include charters for religious purposes, and if it shall be determined that it does not, and by that reason the \$100 dollars hereby tendered and paid shall not be needed for the purpose hereinbefore indicated, the committee are authorised by the donors of said sum, to recommend and request that the same be paid to the Secretary of Domestic Missions, to be used for the purposes of that Committee. The committee further recommend that the Board of Trustees incorporated by said charter be requested and instructed to take proper steps, at the earliest auspicious period, to obtain charters from other State Legislatures.

Respectfully submitted.

B. M. ESTES, *Chairman.*

The following constitute the communication of Mr. Perrin and the Charter referred to in the above report:

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States:

The undersigned, being one of the persons appointed by your esteemed body as Trustees of the Church, to represent her in a corporate capacity, begs leave to make the following report:

In the year 1864, some of the persons named met and organised themselves into a Board of Trustees, under an Act of Incorporation granted by the State of North Carolina, in the name of "The Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America;" appointed the undersigned Chairman, and B. M. Palmer, D. D., Secretary, and adopted a set of By-laws. The minutes of the meeting were committed to the care of the Secretary of the Board, and were lost by the destruction of his house and all his papers by the great fire at Columbia.

The General Assembly having, in 1865, changed the name of the Church to "the Presbyterian Church in the United States," it became necessary to change the corporate name, so as to conform to the new name of the Church. An application was made to the Legislature of the State of North Carolina for this purpose, which was granted, and an act, in suitable and proper terms, was passed and ratified on the 19th day of February last, in which it is provided that before the said Trustees shall become a body corporate, they shall organise themselves into a body at Charlotte, N. C. All which will more fully appear by reference to the Act of Incorporation, a copy of which is herewith presented.

Under another act of the Legislature of the said State, passed at the same session, known as the Revenue Law, it is provided that before any organisation under any act or amended act of incorporation of the State, can be formed, a certified copy of the charter must be obtained from the Secretary of State, who is required by law not to grant such certified copy, except on the payment of one hundred dollars into the Treasury of the State.

No funds have as yet come into the hands of the Trustees named as aforesaid,

for the use of the Church, and hence, for the want of the payment of the said sum of money into the Treasury of the said State, there has been no organisation of the said Trustees under this new act.

It is respectfully suggested that the money be paid out of any funds under the control of the General Assembly not otherwise pledged, after which the organisation may be made with as little delay as possible.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS C. PERRIN.

October 30, 1866.

An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that Thomas C. Perrin, Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., Samuel McCorkle, Joseph H. Wilson, Jesse H. Lindsay, Robert Adger, J. A. Ansley, J. A. Crawford, James B. Walker, J. A. Inglis, John Whiting, R. M. Patton, Rev. George Howe, D. D., Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., and William L. Mitchell, and their successors duly chosen in manner as herein directed, be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "The Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States," and, by the name and style aforesaid, shall be able and capable to take and hold all such estate, property, and effects, as may be acquired by gift, purchase, devise, or bequest, to aid and enable the said General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to undertake and carry on the work of Christian Education, of Foreign and Domestic Missions, of the Publication of such books, tracts, and papers, as are connected with the diffusion of religious literature and learning, and of the building up and supporting churches of their faith and worship in the United States aforesaid; and all the said estate, property and effects that shall be acquired by the said trustees and their successors, at any time, shall be held, used, and disposed of, according to the directions of the General Assembly aforesaid: *Provided*, That the property, real and personal, held or possessed by said corporation, shall not exceed two million dollars.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, That said trustees, and their successors, shall have and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure, and, by the name aforesaid, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded; and they are hereby authorised to make all by-laws and ordinances, prescribe the duties and qualifications of their officers, elect such officers as are necessary, and do anything proper or incident to the due government and support of the corporation, and for the management of the funds and revenues thereof: *Provided*, Such by-laws, ordinances, or acts done, shall not be repugnant to the constitution of the United States, or this State, or any direction of the said General Assembly.

Section 3. Be it further enacted, That said corporation shall consist of fifteen persons, unless the said General Assembly shall, at some future time, change that number, five of whom shall be sufficient for the transaction of any business; and as vacancies may occur, said General Assembly, at their pleasure, may fill them.

Section 4. Be it further enacted, That if the General Assembly shall establish any Committees, Boards, or agencies for any of the purposes recited in section first, the same shall be held and deemed to be branches of this incorporation; and if any gift, grant, sale, devise, or bequest, shall be made to the "trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States," for the use of such committees, boards, or agencies, the same shall be good and effectual, to pass to such objects whenever the donor, grantor, bargainor or testator shall name the aforesaid corporation in general terms.

Section 5. Be it further enacted, That the said corporation may alienate any real estate owned by them for any of the trusts aforesaid, and the conveyance shall be executed by the president with the seal attached, and be attested by a witness.

Section 6. Be it further enacted, That the first meeting of the persons named in this act as corporators, shall be held in the town of Charlotte; and, for the due administration of justice, after this charter is accepted, process may be served on any officer of the said corporation, or any of the said trustees.

Section 7. Be it further enacted, That the General Assembly reserves the right to amend the charter hereby granted, by restricting or enlarging its privileges.

Section 8. And, be it further enacted, That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. (Ratified the nineteenth day of February, A. D., 1866.)

On motion of the Rev. Neill McKay, ruling elder E. Nye Hutchison was appointed the principal, and ruling elder Womack, alternate agent of the General Assembly to receive the \$100 raised by contribution by the ruling elders of this Assembly for the purpose of paying the tax required by the laws of North Carolina, in order that an organisation may be had under the charter granted by that State to this body as recommended by the report of the special committee on the subject of the Charter.

The order of the day, viz., the consideration of the report of the Committee on Domestic Missions, was taken up, when, after discussion, a motion was made to recommit the report, together with an amendment offered by the Rev. A. A. Morse.

The Rev. Dr. J. Leighton Wilson was invited to participate in the discussion on this subject.

The next order of the day having arrived, the further consideration of this subject was suspended, and the Assembly proceeded to the business assigned to this hour, viz., the election of Professors for the Theological Seminary at Columbia.

Ruling elders E. Nye Hutchison and David Parks were, upon their request, excused from voting.

It was ordered that the vote be first taken to fill the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology. The ballots having been counted, the Moderator announced that the Rev. William S. Plumer, D. D., was duly elected. Whereupon said election was, upon motion, made and declared unanimous; and the Rev. Drs. Howe, Adger, Palmer, and Cunningham, were appointed a committee to give Dr. Plumer official information of his election.

It was then, upon the motion of the Rev. Dr. Cunningham, resolved to postpone indefinitely the election of a professor to fill the chair of Pastoral and Evangelistic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric.

The Assembly adjourned to meet at 5 p. m. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Adger.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 5 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Gilkeson.

Overture No. 7 was taken up, and after discussion, the whole subject was referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. King, Cunningham, and Hutchison, to report as early as practicable.

The unfinished business, viz., the report on Domestic Missions, was taken up, and discussed until the order of the day arrived, when the report of the Standing Committee on Publication was presented by the Rev. Dr. Atkinson, and after brief statements made by the Rev. Dr. Brown, in the absence of the Secretary of Publication, addresses were, upon invitation, made by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Hoyte, of Nashville, and the Rev. Dr. S. Robinson, of Louisville, Ky. The report was then adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the annual report of the Executive Committee of Publication, beg leave to recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the following paper:

Resolved, 1. That this Assembly has heard with great interest the report of the Executive Committee of Publication, and direct it to be printed with the Minutes, in the Appendix.

2. That the Assembly recognises with sincere thanks to the great Head of the Church, the remarkable success vouchsafed this Committee; that we rejoice in the prospect of its increased efficiency, and enjoin it upon pastors, churches, and Presbyteries, to give their earnest aid to the promotion of its objects.

3. That we observe with pleasure the cheapness and beauty of the publications of the Committee, as well as the judgment manifested in the selection of the works on its catalogue; that we recommend the increase of its publications as rapidly as practicable; and would enjoin the publication, with funds given especially for that object, of works designed for the use of freedmen.

4. That we recommend the Committee to appoint agents for the sale of books, the advice and concurrence of the Presbyteries within whose bounds they are to labor having first been obtained. We likewise recommend that, whenever practicable, Presbyteries shall make arrangements with booksellers to keep for sale a supply of the books of the Committee, and that each Presbytery appoint one of its own members to act as a corresponding member of the Committee, and to take special oversight of its operations within the bounds of his Presbytery.

5. That we withdraw the recommendation of a former Assembly touching the establishment of Branch Depositories, unless, as in the case of the Depository at Columbia, they may be established without expense to the Committee.

6. That the insertion of any book on the catalogue shall be regarded a sufficient evidence of its approval by the Committee.

7. That we fully approve of the assignment of the duties of Publishing Agent to the Secretary of Publication.

8. That vacancies occurring in the Committee shall be filled by itself until the meeting of the General Assembly next following: that ordinarily five members shall constitute a quorum of the Committee; but when objection is made to a work, the concurrence of seven members shall be requisite to its publication.

9. The Assembly returns its hearty acknowledgments to the British and Foreign Bible Society for its generous relinquishment of the debt of twenty-five hundred dollars in gold due to it by this Committee; and also to donors of smaller sums, both in this country and in Europe.

10. That we express our gratification at the satisfactory adjustment of the claim of the Presbyterian Board of Publication on this Committee, and our commendation of the course of the Secretary of that Board.

In conclusion this Committee would nominate the following gentlemen as members of the Executive Committee of Publication: Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., *Secretary*, Charles Gennet, Esq., *Treasurer*, Rev. Drs. T. V. Moore, M. D. Hoge, C. H. Read, Wm. Brown, Rev. P. B. Price, W. F. Taylor, Arch. Bolling, J. M. Herndon, and B. R. Wellford.

All of which is respectfully submitted. J. M. P. ATKINSON, *Chairman*.

The action of the Assembly fixing the time of the next meeting of the General Assembly, was reconsidered. when the subject was postponed until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

The unfinished business, viz., the report on the Form of Government, was taken up, and continued until the hour for adjournment, when, after a report from the Committee on Devotional Exercises, which was approved, the Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Spencer. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The order of the day for 10 o'clock, viz., the paper concerning the religious instruction of freedmen, was postponed till Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

The unfinished business in regard to Domestic Missions was taken up, and after discussion, the second part of the report of the Standing Committee, with an amendment offered by the Rev. Dr. Rice, was adopted, and is as follows:

With reference to the memorial presented by the Rev. Dr. J. Leighton Wilson, which was referred to this Committee, we beg leave respectfully to report that in devising a plan and organising an agency for carrying on the work of Domestic Missions, it is necessary to keep constantly in view two essential principles:

First: That the Church of Christ is one body, having one glorious Head, and pervaded and actuated by a common divine spiritual life.

Second: That it is a free spiritual commonwealth, calling no man master on the earth; but whose only Lord and Master is in heaven.

The liberty of the Church is protected by a written constitution, founded on the word of God, and is also guarded by the wise arrangement of its several courts, in accordance with the principles taught in the Holy Scriptures.

To the General Assembly it specially belongs to manifest and exemplify the unity of the Church. It is the province of the Presbytery to conserve the freedom of the Christian commonwealth, by occupying the position and performing the functions of the chief executive agent in conducting the whole work of the Church. Under our constitution, the Presbyteries have original authority and jurisdiction, in the Lord, over all the ministers, churches, and missionary fields, within their respective bounds, independently of all control, except such as may be exercised, in a regular and orderly manner, by the Synods and the General Assembly over such subjects as may be brought before them in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the Church. To the Presbytery it belongs to ordain and commission ministers of the gospel, to commit to them the oversight of the particular congregations, upon the call of the people, and to appoint them, with their own consent, to fields of missionary labor. It is also the province of the Presbytery to determine what part of its territory is to be regarded as missionary ground, and what churches ought to receive assistance in maintaining their pastors, or in erecting houses of worship. It is the duty of the Presbytery to superintend the work of its missionaries, to receive their reports, and to the Presbytery alone are they responsible, in the first instance, under God, for the faithful discharge of their duties. It is therefore incumbent upon the Presbytery to provide for the worldly maintenance of the Lord's ministers, by seeing that the churches fulfil their obligations to their pastors, to the extent of their ability, and also that they make regular and systematic offerings to the treasury of the Lord for the support of the ministry among those who are unable to provide for themselves.

If all the Presbyteries were equally strong and were all blessed alike with the wealth of this world, it would only be necessary for each Presbytery to appropriate the contributions of the Lord's people, in due proportion, according to the exigencies of every part of the field. But inasmuch as there is very great inequality in the strength and resources of the different Presbyteries, and because, according to the law of the life of the Church, it is the imperative duty of the strong to aid the weak, in order that the healthful vigor of the whole body may be preserved, it becomes necessary to have some central agency, through which the vital current of the Church's life may flow in due proportion to every part, and that all the energy, zeal, and resources of the whole Church, may be combined in the prosecution of its most important work. This is the office of the General Assembly: but it can only be practically fulfilled through the agency of a committee. Be it therefore

Resolved, That in the place of the present Executive Committee of Domestic Missions, the General Assembly do appoint a committee to be called "The Executive Committee of Sustentation." It shall consist of a secretary, who shall be elected annually by the General Assembly, and shall be styled "The Assembly's Secretary of Sustentation," and who shall be the organ of communication between the Assembly and the Committee, and also between the Committee and all portions of the work intrusted to its care; a treasurer; and nine other members, three of whom shall be ruling elders, all to be appointed annually by the General Assembly, and directly amenable to it for the efficient discharge of their duties.

Vacancies occurring *ad interim*, shall be filled, if necessary, by the Committee. Any five members being assembled shall constitute a quorum. This Committee shall be located for the present at Columbia, S. C. It shall meet once a month, or oftener, at the call of the chairman or secretary. It may enact by-laws for its government, subject to the revision and approval of the General Assembly.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to receive into its treasury and take the general management of all the funds contributed for sustentation, and to make appropriations and expenditures of the same, including the salaries of its officers.

It shall, however, make no appropriations for the support of any pastor or missionary laboring within the bounds of any Presbytery, except upon the requisi-

tion of that Presbytery or its Committee of Domestic Missions, and all the appropriations thus made shall be based upon the recommendation of the said Presbytery or its Committee.

If, at any time, the funds intrusted to the Assembly's Committee should prove insufficient to meet in full the demands of the several Presbyteries, it shall exercise a sound discretion in determining what amount shall be appropriated to each, taking into consideration the necessities of the whole Church, as well as the particular circumstances of the Presbytery making the demand. *Provided*, always, that no appropriation shall exceed a certain maximum amount, to be fixed by the Committee, subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

In the exercise of its advisory powers, it shall report to the General Assembly every year the condition and wants of the whole field, and shall annually present to the Assembly an account of its receipts and expenditures, together with its minutes, for examination.

It shall also communicate to the churches and Presbyteries, from time to time, such information with reference to the necessities and the progress of the work, as will tend to incite them to greater liberality and more earnest efforts for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ.

It shall also aid the Presbyteries in procuring missionaries, and transferring them from one field to another.

It may also, by the direction of the General Assembly, send missionaries or evangelists into parts of the country not included in the boundaries of the Church, and make provision for their support.

The central Committee and the Presbyteries should be united and brought into harmonious action, by constituting the chairman of the Presbyterian Committee of Domestic Missions a corresponding member of the central Committee. It will thus be made his duty to keep the central Committee informed, either by his personal presence or by correspondence, of the condition and wants of his Presbytery, and also to see that all the churches in his Presbytery take up regular collections for the central Committee—thus acting at the same time as agent for the Presbytery and the central Committee. The chairman should be compensated for his services, and his expenses of travelling should be borne.

It will be expected that the older and stronger Presbyteries will always, except under some special providence, contribute a larger amount to the general fund than they expect to draw, that the weaker Presbyteries may be provided for. There will, however, be no objection to any Presbytery taking up a second and further collection in the churches under its care, when the sum appropriated by the central Committee does not fully meet its wants, nor to the salary of any particular missionary or evangelist being supplemented by private beneficence when it may be found necessary.

But if any Presbytery should insist upon managing the funds collected within its bounds, as well as all other parts of the work of sustentation, the Assembly will not enjoin upon such Presbytery to send all the moneys raised to the treasury of the central Committee, provided that a collection shall be taken in all its churches for the work committed to the Sustentation Committee; and also, that the Presbytery shall report to the General Assembly, through the Committee of Sustentation, what amount of money has been raised and expended within its own bounds, so that the General Assembly may see, at one view, what the whole Church has done in this great work.

The Committee nominate the following persons as members of the Executive Committee of Sustentation for the ensuing year: Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., *Secretary*, Rev. Prof. James Woodrow, *Treasurer*, Rev. G. Howe, D. D., Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., Rev. A. W. Miller, Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., Rev. Wm. E. Boggs, Henry Muller, Esq., Gen. F. W. McMaster, Dr. E. Nye Hutchison.

The resolutions on the subject of Beneficiary Education were made the order of the day for Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

The Rev. Dr Palmer, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully submit to the Assembly the following minute for its adoption:

The Assembly has received with the liveliest satisfaction, and reciprocates with the utmost cordiality, the Christian greetings of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, through its representative, the Rev. H. L. Murphy, and of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, through its representative, the Rev. C. A. Davis, D. D. If nothing more were gained, by this fraternal correspondence, than the expression before the world of the spiritual unity and fellowship of the Lord's people amidst seeming diversity and separation, the Assembly would for this reason alone desire its continuance. But especially is this interchange to be perpetuated, in the hope that it may tend, at no distant day, to a closer union. These corresponding delegates have both unofficially expressed their conviction that many, in their respective communions, are ready for this consummation; and this declaration is made in face of the fact that the Associate Reformed Synod at its last sessions terminated the negotiations for an organic union with this Assembly, and in face of the fact that no overtures for such union have as yet originated in the Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. This Assembly would therefore seize this opportunity to open its heart and to put on record a formal deliverance touching this whole matter of consolidating into one body all who can stand together upon the same platform of doctrine and order.

The spiritual body of Christ is undeniably one, having "one Lord, one faith, one baptism;" and whilst, from the infirmity of our unsanctified nature, differences emerge between those who cannot, upon all points, see eye to eye, yet must this spiritual unity struggle to realise itself before the world by bringing into visible fellowship and under one discipline all who fundamentally agree, and by subordinating minor differences of opinion to the cardinal doctrines of the gospel. The High-Priestly prayer of our blessed Redeemer finds a response in every Christian heart, "that they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." It is, however, the mature judgment of the Assembly that this union of true believers, in its outward and visible expression, must begin by approximating those bodies of Christians who agree in their symbols of doctrine and order, and who are separated only by shades of opinion which call for mutual toleration and indulgence—leaving to the approach of the millennial glory the obliteration of those broader and deeper denominational lines which may still break the visible unity of the Church.

In practically carrying out this idea, the Assembly, laying aside ecclesiastical etiquette, would affectionately say to their brethren of the Associate Reformed Synod that they may pull the latch-string of our dwelling whenever they may choose, and may be incorporated with us, upon the simple adoption of our standards wherever they may happen to differ from their own; and to our brethren of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, we respectfully suggest whether the time has not come to consider the great importance to the kingdom of our common Master of their union with us by their adoption of the time-honored standards to which we adhere.

This argument, of visibly realising the spiritual unity of the Lord's people, is enforced by the peculiar circumstances of the times in which we live and by the nature of the controversies which now agitate the Church. The old conflict for the spirituality and independence of the Church is, to the amazement of many, renewed in our day and upon our own continent. The battle, fought generations ago by the Melvilles, Gillespies, and Hendersons, of Scotland, is reopened with singular violence; and the old banner is again floating over us with its historic inscription, "For Christ's covenant and crown." Upon no one subject is the mind of this Assembly more clearly ascertained, upon no one doctrine is there a more solid or perfect agreement amongst those whom this Assembly represents, than the non-secular and non-political character of the Church of Jesus Christ. Whatever ambiguous or indiscreet expressions may have been extorted, under the pressure of extraordinary excitement, from individuals amongst us, the Assembly of this Church deliberately reaffirms the testimony given in the solemn Address to the Churches of Jesus Christ throughout the earth, issued in 1861, during its first sessions in the city of Augusta, and which was pronounced in these words: "The

provinces of Church and State are perfectly distinct, and the one has no right to usurp the jurisdiction of the other. The State is a natural institute, founded in the constitution of man as moral and social, and designed to realise the idea of justice. The Church is a supernatural institute, founded in the facts of redemption, and is designed to realise the idea of grace. It is the society of the redeemed. The State aims at social order, the Church at spiritual holiness. The State looks to the visible and outward, the Church is concerned for the invisible and inward. The badge of the State's authority is the sword, by which it becomes a terror to evil-doers and a praise to them that do well. The badge of the Church's authority is the keys, by which it opens and shuts the kingdom of Heaven, according as men are believing or impenitent. The power of the Church is exclusively spiritual, that of the State includes the exercise of force. The constitution of the Church is a divine revelation, the constitution of the State must be determined by human reason and the course of providential events. The Church has no right to construct a government for the State, and the State has no right to frame a creed or polity for the Church. They are as planets moving in different orbits, and unless each is confined to its own tract, the consequences may be as disastrous in the moral world as the collision of different spheres in the world of matter." The early assertion of this radical distinction, at the very opening of our history, commits us to the maintenance and defence of the crown rights of the Redeemer, whether, on the one hand, they be usurped by the State, or whether, on the other, they be renounced by any portion of God's professing people. Summoned thus in the providence of God to contend for the same principles for which our martyr fathers of the Scottish Reformation testified even to the death, and which the fathers of the Southern Presbyterian Church labored so earnestly to secure and rejoiced in having obtained their full recognition by the civil government in America, it would be most happy if all those in the different branches of the Presbyterian family who are called to renew the protest, could be united in one homogeneous body for the reassertion of Christ's royal supremacy in and over his spiritual kingdom, the Church. The scattered testimony of separate and individual witnesses would deepen in intensity if gathered into one volume and rolled against those who would place the crown of Jesus upon the head of Cæsar. In view of all which, this Assembly would tender the hand to all who are of like mind with us as to the doctrines of grace and as to the order and discipline of God's house; that as one compacted Church, we may oppose a breakwater against the current which is sweeping from its moorings our common Protestantism, until the doctrine of the Church as a free spiritual commonwealth shall regain its ascendancy not only over the Presbyterian but over the whole American Protestant mind.

Your Committee further recommend that the Rev. James A. Lyon, D. D., with the Rev. J. N. Carothers as his alternate, be appointed to bear the salutations of this body to the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, at their meeting to be held at Starkville, Miss., on the third Thursday in September, 1867; and that the Rev. T. D. Witherspoon, with the Rev. David H. Cummins as his alternate, be appointed to do the same to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at their meeting to be held at Memphis, Tenn., on the third Thursday in May, 1867.

It is further recommended that a committee of five be appointed by this Assembly, to confer with any similar committee on the part of the Cumberland Presbyterian Assembly, to ascertain how far the way is prepared for an organic union between the two bodies upon the basis of the Westminster standards.

The following preamble and resolutions are also respectfully submitted to the consideration of the Assembly:

Whereas, The General Assembly of our Church did, upon its first organisation in 1861, make an explicit declaration, in an Address to all the Churches of Jesus Christ throughout the earth, of its sincere desire to hold fellowship as far as practicable with all the true disciples of our common Lord and Saviour in all the world,

And whereas, We are led to hope that important and happy results may be secured in promoting the great ends of Christian fellowship, by the appointment of chosen brethren, whose duty it shall be, as our representatives, to bear these expressions of our views and wishes to such Christians, churches, and societies, in

the kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and, if deemed best, on the continent of Europe also, as the providence of God may designate, and to explain to them, as opportunity may offer, the character, condition, work and prospects of our beloved Zion; and to receive such contributions as may be voluntarily offered in aid of our general schemes of evangelisation: Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That this General Assembly does now appoint the Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D., Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., and Rev. J. L. Girardeau, to this important mission, and earnestly solicit their acceptance of the same.

Resolved, 2. That in view of the privation to which the congregations of these brethren will be subjected during their absence, the Assembly does hereby request their cheerful concurrence in a measure considered by the Church to be one of so much interest, and whose successful prosecution must so greatly depend, under God, upon the peculiar fitness of those to whom it is intrusted.

Resolved, 3. That the Moderator and Stated Clerk be directed to furnish the brethren here appointed with an attested copy of this paper, and with such other testimonials as may be considered proper.

Resolved, 4. That the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions and Publication be directed to make such a provision for the expenses of this mission as may be deemed suitable.

All of which is respectfully submitted. THOMAS MORROW, *Chairman*.

That part of the report of the Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries which relates to the removal of the Seminary at Columbia, was taken up, when the following resolution was offered by the Rev. Dr. Rice:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take the necessary steps, with the concurrence of the Synods of South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, as soon as practicable, for the removal of the Theological Seminary at Columbia to some point west of the line dividing the States of Alabama and Georgia.

After some time spent in the discussion of this subject, the Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report, which was approved.

The Assembly adjourned to meet at 5 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 5 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Geo. Hall.

The Moderator announced as the order of the day, the consideration of the question of changing the time fixed for the next meeting of the General Assembly. It was resolved that the time of the next meeting shall be the third Thursday in November, 1867, unless convened at an earlier day by the Moderator.

The unfinished business, the question of the removal of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, was then taken up, and after considerable discussion, it was resolved, upon the motion of the Rev. George Hall, that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed.

The unfinished business, viz., the consideration of the Form of Government, was continued until the hour of adjournment.

The Assembly adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Wm. Brown. The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The order of the day, namely, the subject of Beneficiary Education,

was announced, but the chairman of the Committee to which the matter had been referred, being absent, it was placed upon the docket. It was resolved that the Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilson, chairman of the Committee to report on the subject of Education, be invited to participate in the discussion of this subject.

The Moderator announced as the committee to confer with a similar committee which may be appointed by the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, on the subject of a union between the two bodies, the Rev. J. O. Stedman, D. D., Rev. T. D. Witherspoon, Rev. J. N. Waddel, D. D., Rev. J. A. Lyon, D. D., Rev. Jno. H. Gray, D. D., to which the name of the Moderator, the Rev. A. H. Kerr, D. D., was added by a vote of the Assembly.

A communication from the Rev. Mr. Johnson, commissioned to represent the American Bible Society before this body, was read and referred to a committee previously appointed on the subject of Voluntary Associations.

The chairman of the Committee on the Narrative being prevented by sickness from attending to that duty, the Rev. Jno. S. Grasty was appointed in his place.

The order of the day was taken up, viz., the religious instruction of freedmen. The resolutions offered in the report of the Rev. J. L. Girardeau, with an amendment offered by the Rev. Dr. B. M. Palmer, was before the house. An amendment, by way of substitute for the whole, was offered by the Rev. Dr. Baird. After discussion, the whole subject, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Adger, was recommitted to the same committee which had brought in the report, the Rev. Drs. Baird and Atkinson, and ruling elder J. L. Marye, jr., being added to it. This committee was instructed to report at 7 o'clock this evening.

The following paper offered by the Rev. Dr. Palmer was adopted;

In order that the Committee of Revision of the Book of Psalms and Hymns may not feel themselves unduly restricted by the occurrence of the word "minor" in the fifth resolution adopted on this subject, therefore,

Resolved, That, if in the judgment of the Committee, the materials placed in their hands by that resolution furnish a hundred or more additional hymns suitable for the worship of the sanctuary, the prayer-meeting, and the family, the Committee is hereby authorised to adopt and incorporate them—provided that the whole number of Psalms and Hymns be not made greater than in the present book.

On motion of the Rev. D. D. McBryde, the report of the Standing Committee on Education was taken up, when the Rev. Dr. Woodrow presented a minority report. The consideration of this subject was continued until the hour of devotional services; after which the Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Dr. Cunningham.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 5 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. McCallie.

It was resolved, upon motion of Mr. Ansley, to adopt the recommendation of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, fixing the salary of the Professor Emeritus at \$800.

On motion of Dr. Cunningham, it was resolved that during the remaining sessions of this body, all the members, except the chairmen of committees, shall be limited in their speeches to five minutes each.

Dr. Hutchison, from the committee appointed, made a report in regard to a plan for defraying the expenses of commissioners to the General Assembly, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee appointed to consider and report on the Rev. S. A. King's substitute offered for the paper presented by the Committee on Bill and Overtures, submit the following, with the hope that it may prove acceptable to the Assembly and secure the desired object:

In order to impose no additional burden on the people, and yet obtain the necessary means to defray the heavy travelling expenses of the commissioners from the most remotely situated Presbyteries, the General Assembly requests the several Presbyteries whose commissioners will necessarily incur but slight expense in attending the sessions of the General Assembly, to collect their usual annual assessment for the "commissioners' fund," and to pay over to the General Assembly a certain part thereof according to the following rule: Ninety per cent. of the whole amount from that Presbytery within whose territorial limits the General Assembly may meet; fifty per cent. of the amount collected by Presbyteries whose commissioners may have to travel less than two hundred and fifty miles to the place of meeting of the General Assembly; and twenty-five per cent. of the entire sum of commissioners' fund of those Presbyteries, the members of which may have to travel over two hundred and fifty and less than five hundred miles to the place of meeting of the Assembly.

The funds so collected by the Assembly shall be distributed by the Financial Committee among the commissioners from the most remotely situated Presbyteries, in an equitable manner.

E. NYE HUTCHISON.

The reports of the Standing Committee on Beneficiary Education were taken up, when the report of the minority, being substantially the resolutions reported by the Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilson and referred to the Standing Committee on Education, was accepted as a substitute for that of the majority. It was then adopted *seriatim* and as a whole. The paper is as follows:

Resolved, 1. That this General Assembly reaffirms the deliverance of the Assembly of 1864, concerning the responsibility that rests on the Church to secure and maintain a pious and learned ministry.

Resolved, 2. That this General Assembly resolves to continue the Executive Committee of Education, and appoints for it the following constitution:

ART. I.

The title of this committee shall be "The Executive Committee of Education of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States."

ART. II.

The Executive Committee shall be elected annually by the General Assembly, and shall consist of eleven members, three at least of whom must be ruling elders of the Presbyterian Church; of a treasurer; and of a secretary, who shall be styled the "Secretary of Education," which Secretary shall be the organ of communication between the General Assembly and the Executive Committee. The salaries and duties of these officers shall be determined by the Committee; and all vacancies, *ad interim*, in the Committee, it may fill.

ART. III.

This Committee shall meet at the call of the Secretary, and five members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. It shall keep a record of its proceedings, which, together with the reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer, shall be laid before the General Assembly annually.

ART. IV.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to receive all the contributions of the Church which may be made for the purpose of aiding candidates for the ministry, in the prosecution of their studies, and to dispense these to said students. But no student shall be supported by this Committee, except upon the recommendation of the Presbytery to which he belongs, or its Executive Committee of Education. And all candidates shall be solely responsible to their own Presbyteries.

If at any time the funds intrusted to the Committee shall be insufficient for the support of all the candidates recommended, preference shall be given to such candidates as are nearest to the close of their course of studies.

ART. V.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to place itself in correspondence with the Executive Committees of Education appointed by the several Presbyteries, the chairman of each of which Presbyterian Committees must be regarded as a corresponding member of this Committee. And it shall be the duty of the Committee to procure, from these corresponding members, semi-annual reports with respect to the state of the work within their respective Presbyteries, and in turn, to transmit to these members, for the information of their Presbyteries, semi-annual statements of the condition of the whole field.

ART. VI.

This Committee shall, for the present, be located in Richmond, Va.

Resolved, 3. If any Presbytery should insist upon managing the funds collected within its bounds, as well as all other parts of the work of Education, the Assembly will not enjoin upon such Presbyteries to send all the moneys raised to the treasury of the central Committee, provided that a collection shall be taken in all its churches for the work committed to the Committee; and also, that the Presbytery shall report to the General Assembly, through the Committee of Education, what amount of money has been raised and expended within its own bounds, so that the General Assembly may see, at one view, what the whole Church has done in this great work.

The records of the Synod of South Carolina were, upon the recommendation of the committee, approved, so far as written.

The Rev. D. E. Jordan offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That our Presbyteries be directed to make it a standing rule to inquire, at their spring meetings, of all their ministers and congregations, if they have had contributions taken up within a year for all our stated objects of benevolence; and to take such measures as will secure such contributions.

The Assembly then resumed the consideration of the Form of Government, and continued it until the order of the day was taken up, viz., the report of the Committee on the Religious Instruction of the Freed People. This report was read, and accepted. The resolutions were then read and adopted *seriatim* and as a whole. The report is as follows:

Resolved, 1. That this Assembly entertains for the freed people the sincerest sentiments of good will and affection; that it earnestly desires and prays for their salvation, and would encourage the employment of every legitimate means for the promotion of their spiritual good; that this Assembly believes the present condition of the colored race in this country to be one of alarming spiritual jeopardy, and that it is binding on us, as Christians, to do all that lies in our power to save them from the calamities by which they are threatened, and to confer on them the rich blessings of the gospel.

2. That it be recommended to all our ministers and churches to exert themselves to the utmost of their ability to continue to give the gospel to these people; to church sessions to urge upon parents among them the duty of presenting their children for baptism, and of bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and especially to pastors, evangelists, and missionaries, to devote a portion of their labors to the promotion of the salvation of the freed people.

3. That in the judgment of the Assembly, it is highly inexpedient that there should be an ecclesiastical separation of the white and colored races; that such a measure would threaten evil to both races, and especially to the colored, and that therefore it is desirable that every warrantable effort be made affectionately to dissuade the freed people from severing their connexion with our churches, and to retain them with us as of old. Should they decline this fellowship of ordi-

nances, and desire a separate organisation, then our sessions are authorised to organise them into branch congregations. In such cases, the Assembly recommends that such congregations shall be allowed, under the sanction of the sessions, to elect from among themselves, every year, such number of superintendents or watchmen as the session may advise, who shall be charged with the oversight of such congregations. These superintendents shall report to the sessions, for their action, all matters relating to the welfare of said congregations.

4. Whenever Presbyteries may find it necessary to organise separate colored congregations, they shall appoint a commission of elders who shall discharge the functions committed to the sessions in the preceding resolution.

5. That whilst nothing in our standards or in the word of God prohibits the introduction into the gospel ministry of duly qualified persons of any race, yet difficulties arise in the general structure of society, and from providential causes, which may and should restrain the application in the Church of this abstract principle. Holding this in view, the Assembly recommends that wherever a session or Presbytery shall find a colored person who possesses suitable qualifications, they be authorised to license him to labor as an exhorter among the colored people, under the supervision of the body appointing him.

6. That the Assembly recommends that, wherever it is practicable, Sabbath-schools for the benefit of the freed people, especially the young, be established in connexion with our churches, and that the sessions of the churches take these schools into their charge, and provide suitable teachers for them.

7. That the heads of families are exhorted to encourage the freed people in their households to attend upon family and public worship, and that they provide for them, as far as possible, catechetical instruction in the doctrines and duties of the gospel.

8. That the General Assembly earnestly desires the intellectual and moral improvement of the colored race, and hereby tenders to all persons suitably qualified, who may labor in this work, its hearty encouragement and support.

It was resolved that the elaborate report on the above subject by the Rev J. L. Girardeau be published in the SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW.

The unfinished business, viz., the Form of Government, was resumed, and continued until the hour of adjournment.

The Assembly adjourned, after prayer by the Rev. Dr. Adger, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. D. Fraser. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Dr. Baird offered the following resolutions, which were adopted, and are as follows:

Resolved, 1. By the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, that every Presbytery under the jurisdiction of this body be enjoined to seek out and set apart a minister to the work of the evangelist for its bounds, to take the superintendence of its vacant congregations wherever practicable. These evangelists shall be authorised to act as moderators of the sessions of the vacant congregations; to preach the gospel and administer the sacraments to them at stated intervals; to counsel the sessions in holding social worship in the absence of ministers; to encourage the organisation of Sabbath-schools and Bible classes, and the making of oblations for systematic benevolence; and, in general, to take the pastoral supervision of the vacant congregations, both white and colored. But when a suitable evangelist cannot be obtained, then the Presbytery is enjoined to apportion such congregations among its ministerial members for the same object, so that every congregation and all our freed people shall enjoy the pastoral oversight of some minister in their assemblies.

2. That every Presbytery be enjoined to require the sessions of the vacant congregations to come up to the discharge of the duties devolved on them in the twenty-first chapter of the "Form of Government," in the assembling of their respective congregations for the worship of God, to which it may be proper to add exhortation. And in order that this duty may be performed to the greater acceptance of the worshippers, it is further required that the Presbyteries do seek out those elders who have the best gifts, and do especially appoint them to the performance of these duties.

3. That our ministers who are not now engaged in their sacred calling be exhorted to come up to our help. If they do not find fields of labor in their present localities, they are exhorted to seek other places of abode and fields of labor where they may be useful in their appropriate work. And that the Presbytery be enjoined to examine their rolls and require all ministers who are not thus employed to give an account of themselves, and to proceed against those who are found to be habitual neglecters of their vows of ordination.

4. That every Presbytery be enjoined to take this whole minute into consideration, and act upon it at its first meeting after the rising of this General Assembly; that the Synods inquire into the fidelity of the Presbyteries; and that both Presbyteries and Synods give a report of what they have done or failed to do, in the premises, to the next General Assembly.

The Assembly then took up the Form of Government, and having completed the consideration of it, it was adopted; and it was then resolved that the whole report, viz., the Rules of Parliamentary Order, Canons of Discipline, and Form of Government, be adopted; that the committee shall have liberty to make verbal changes in it; and that each part be sent down as a separate overture to the Presbyteries for their adoption. Also, that the Executive Committee of Publication be directed to publish an edition as early as practicable for the use of the churches, and send a copy to the Stated Clerk of each Presbytery. Then it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Assembly be tendered to the Committee of Revision for the fidelity and ability with which they have prosecuted and completed their labors.

The following resolution offered by the Rev. Dr. Palmer was adopted:

In view of the great controversy, now pending in this country, upon the spirituality and independence of the Church as the visible kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ upon the earth; and in view of the fact that the Assembly did, at the time of its organisation in 1861, plant itself firmly upon the ground that the Church is a spiritual commonwealth distinct from and independent of the State: Be it therefore,

Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. T. E. Peck, A. W. Miller, and George Howe, D. D., be appointed a committee to prepare, and report to the next General Assembly, a paper defining and limiting this whole subject, for the instruction of our people, and suitable to be adopted by the Assembly as a full and public testimony against the alarming defection manifested in so many branches of the Protestant Church in this country.

The Committee on the Narrative presented a report which was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Rev. Dr. Baird, from the committee appointed in 1864 in regard to our relations to Voluntary Associations, presented a report which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Voluntary Associations and Societies, beg leave to report that the action of this General Assembly on the Form of Government has rendered any further action unnecessary. The doctrine that "the Church in its organised capacity, with its officers and courts, is the sole agency which Christ hath ordained for its own edification and government; and for the propagation of

the faith and the evangelisation of the world," as set forth in that formulary, clearly teaches that the Church is God's Bible and Missionary Society, and asserts all that it is needful for this court at present to announce.

As to the American Bible Society, whose claims have been presented before the Assembly and referred to this Committee, it is desirable that some action should be taken. Although it is the opinion of your Committee that this Society ought to be composed of representatives of the different Churches, appointed through their constitutional forms; yet as there is nothing in its constitution to prevent the free action of every Church in carrying forward the work; and as its organization is simply for the printing and circulation of the Holy Scriptures, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That our ministers and churches be earnestly recommended to use all proper efforts to promote the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, and that the efforts of the American Bible Society in this behalf deserve the cordial approbation of this Assembly, and recommend it to the confidence and support of our Christian people.

2. That our ministers and sessions be earnestly recommended to make the Bible cause a special object in connexion with their contributions for systematic benevolence.

Overture No 4, with its answer, was taken from the docket. It was adopted, and is as follows:

Overture No. 4, being an overture from the Presbytery of East Hanover asking the attention of the General Assembly to the action of the Presbytery of Hopewell in ordaining certain colored persons to the partial exercise of the functions of the gospel ministry.

The Committee are of the opinion that, as there is no official statement of the action of that Presbytery now before us, and as the Synod of Georgia, whose immediate duty it is to review the proceedings of the Presbytery of Hopewell, holds its sessions during the present week, it would be premature at this time for the General Assembly to take cognisance of the action of the Presbytery of Hopewell which is complained of as being irregular and unconstitutional.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence begs leave to submit the following report:

One of the duties with which this Committee is charged—that of giving a condensed view of Presbyterian reports—it has been impossible to perform, inasmuch as only one Presbytery—Lexington—has presented a report. Every Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence has been forced to make a similar statement to each General Assembly since 1861. Presbyteries often combine their reports on this subject with their Narrative on the State of Religion. But it is impossible for this Committee to examine these Narratives. The special attention of the Presbyteries is called to this matter; and it is recommended that they be directed by the Assembly to comply with the rule requiring separate annual reports on Systematic Benevolence.

From information derived from other sources, however, we have reason to fear that a very large majority of our churches have made no contributions to Foreign and Domestic Missions, Education, or Publication. This neglect is sometimes attributed to the general impoverishment of our people; but that is not the true cause; for the churches which have suffered most from the ravages of war are in many cases far in advance of those which were never injured by the presence of hostile armies. The real cause seems to be the neglect of ministers and church sessions to furnish an opportunity to the people to present their offerings; and the consequent want of united action on the part of all our churches. A few have contributed very liberally. A single church contributed more than one-twelfth of the whole amount received for Domestic Missions and Sustentation; and another contributed nearly one-fourth of the whole amount received for Publication. Others have done equally well in proportion to their means. If all would contribute, there would be abundance of money in the General Assembly's treasuries.

With the hope of securing this united action, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That it be enjoined on all our churches to take up annual collections for Sustentation, Publication, Foreign Missions, and Education, in accordance with the following plan:

For Sustentation: On the first Sabbath in January.

For Publication: On the first Sabbath in March.

For Foreign Missions: On the first Sabbath in May.

For Education: On the first Sabbath in November.

In cases where it is highly inconvenient to take up collections on these days, they shall be taken up as soon as possible thereafter.

It shall be the duty of the Assembly's Secretaries to bring these objects before the churches at the times specified, in such way as may be most practicable.

2. That it be recommended to our churches that they adopt the apostolic plan of taking up weekly collections; and that the amounts thus collected be appropriated to the above-named objects, or when necessary, to local objects, in such proportion as the church session may decide. JAMES WOODROW, *Chairman*.

The following paper offered by Rev. Wm. Banks was adopted:

In view of the manifold sins and dangers of our people, the privations and distress to which many of them have been reduced, and especially in the hope that it may please God, in answer to our prayers, to bestow his blessing on our Church in all her spiritual interests and Christian enterprises;

Resolved, That the last Thursday of February, 1867, be appointed a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, to be observed by all the ministers, families, and congregations, under this General Assembly.

Dr. Rice presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Revision be authorised to print the revised Directory for Worship in the same book with the Form of Government, Canons of Discipline, and Rules of Parliamentary Order.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That all the expenses incurred by the Committee of Revision, from their appointment to the acceptance of their report, be paid by the General Assembly from funds now in the hands of the Committee of Publication.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Adger, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the next Assembly to consider the propriety of appointing a reporter with a salary of \$—, whose duty it shall be to attend all the meetings of the body and report its proceedings.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Assembly be returned to the citizens of Memphis for the generous hospitality that has been extended to the members of this body during our present sessions; to the churches of this city for opening their houses of worship for our use; to the gentlemen of the press, especially those connected with the *Commercial and Argus*, for the favors they have shown us; and to the several Rail-road and Steam-boat companies which have offered facilities of travel to our respective homes; And the pastors of this city are requested to make this known in such manner as they may deem most appropriate.

The minutes of this day were then read and approved.

Upon motion, it was ordered that this Assembly be dissolved, and that another General Assembly, similarly constituted, be directed to convene in the First Presbyterian Church, in the city of Nashville, on the third Thursday of November, 1867, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The Assembly accordingly was dissolved, the sessions being closed with singing, prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

WILLIAM BROWN, PERMANENT CLERK.

JOSEPH R. WILSON, STATED CLERK.

APPENDIX.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES TO THE CHURCHES UNDER ITS CARE:

BELoved BRETHREN:—"Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." Great diversity exists in the returns which have come up to us from the various Presbyteries. In some congregations, the time of trial through which we are passing has begotten, not what it should have done, an increased zeal and fixedness of purpose to do God's work, but an absorbing devotion to worldly interests, a laxness in regard to Christian duty, and an indifference to the cultivation of personal piety that is both sorrowful and alarming. But while this low estate of religion must be confessed and deplored, as existing in a portion of our congregations, yet a better and more encouraging report is borne to us from other sections of our beloved Zion.

REVIVALS.

Gratifying intelligence is furnished, that particular churches in the bounds of almost every Presbytery have been visited by the gracious influence of God's Spirit. The following Presbyteries should be specially mentioned: Cherokee, Fayetteville, Montgomery, Lexington, North Mississippi, South Carolina, Concord, Flint River, and Winchester. During these recent revivals, more than two thousand souls were added to our communion, and in Flint River Presbytery a number of young men are looking forward to the gospel ministry. Nor has the spirit of revival been felt in the bounds of those Presbyteries alone which are specially named. So that while we have some things to beget sorrow and humiliation, there are many mercies on the other hand to excite gratitude and courage.

INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH.

Sabbath-schools have been generally sustained, and yet it cannot be gathered certainly from the reports furnished that the Shorter Catechism is taught with the same diligence that it used to be in the days of our fathers. As the Presbyterian Church has ever clung to a form of sound words, we would enjoin on all parents and Sabbath-school teachers, the necessity of due consideration and carefulness on this point.

In some congregations, in addition to Sabbath-schools and Bible-classes, stated services have been instituted for baptized children and their parents, wherein both are taught their solemn covenant obligations. But the pastor is often discouraged by the want of faithfulness on the part of parents. In many a home there is no altar for God. Private members and sometimes officers in the Church, refuse to lead their families in devotion. This dereliction is a scandal, and hence a mighty influence for good in the household and out of it, is shamefully thrown away. We would respectfully inquire if such inconsistent professors of religion are not to a large extent responsible for that worldly conformity and that lukewarm scepticism which is so prevalent in the minds and hearts of their own children. Has not that promise of God been forgotten which says, "Train

up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it?" It is difficult to reconcile a neglect of Bible instruction and prayer in the family, with holiness of life and sound Christian character. The families of Christian men, taken in connexion with the Sabbath-school, constitute the great nursery of the Church, and the training of children, in the minds of Christian parents, should never yield its rightful precedence to any worldly business, however lucrative or enticing. The promise is unto us and our children, and a dreadful account is in store for that father or guardian who comes short of the blessing from a disregard to its conditions. Our first and best offerings are due to God. This truth, at the present time, should come home with emphasis and power to every Christian heart. Instead of putting aside the burden of religious responsibility in the present crisis, with the cry that secular matters are urgent, that the day has not come for earnest Christian effort, every man of God should be impelled by the necessities, sufferings, and providences around him to reverse the language of the Jew in the days of Haggai, and exclaim, "The time that the Lord's house should be built is *come*."

INSTRUCTION OF COLORED PEOPLE.

On this subject, six Presbyteries make no report, four Presbyteries report unfavorably, while from fifteen Presbyteries the returns are exceedingly gratifying. The religious instruction of the colored people is not only not neglected, but assiduously attended to wherever opportunity is afforded. Very many are faithfully taught in the Sabbath-school; and in some congregations, special services are devoted to this people, which have been owned of God to the welfare of their souls. Very encouraging additions have been made to our churches from this class during the past year. The more intelligent portion appreciate highly the advantages of Presbyterian teaching and preaching, and in some places contribute, unasked, to the support of our ministry, as well as to the general spread of the gospel. They are coming back to the old fold and pasture from which they temporarily strayed, and are willing now to be guided and controlled by their old and true friends. They are also well content to occupy their old position, and desire no change in the organisation of the Church of their choice.

BENEVOLENCE AND SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.

It give us peculiar pleasure to state, that in noble instances, congregations have given more of their poverty than was given in the days of their abundance. There are churches, however, on the other hand, who seem to have lost their sense of obligation to sustain the benevolent operations of the day. Men whose style of living at home, whose dress and equipage when abroad, would indicate no deep poverty, but the contrary, will nevertheless plead every conceivable excuse for their "stinginess" in matters which concern the house of God. When we remember the worldliness and idolatrous covetousness and utter disregard of covenant vows exhibited and cherished by so many professed Christians, it is no wonder that God's judgments have been experienced in unprecedented droughts, while the field is wasted, and the land mourneth, and the harvest of the field is perished. Self-denial is a cardinal virtue with the Christian, and there are but few, if any, in this land, who cannot, if they will, cast something into the treasury of the Lord. Under the law, the poor, as well as the rich, had their offerings prescribed, and they were none the poorer thereby. Every Christian man is bound to give as the Lord has prospered him, and church sessions from week to week should afford the opportunity, whilst pastors ought to be resolute in urging this duty on their congregations. Giving is a means of grace as well as prayer, and the world is very apt to measure a man's piety by the standard of his benefactions.

It pains us to state that many of our worthy ministers have not received, for their arduous labors, a compensation at all adequate to their support. Unrepining, these noble-minded men, with a heroic devotion to principle, go about their work, enduring much privation and often cast down under the weight of worldly care. This evil should be rectified. The laborer is worthy of his hire, and they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel. It is a shame to any congregation to live in comfort themselves, while the diligent pastor is perplexed and 'traitened for the common necessities of life. It is the duty of congregations to

inquire into the wants of the minister and to see to it that his mind be made free from worldly cares. A people who come short of this may expect the candlestick to be removed. God is jealous for his servants.

THE RULING ELDER.

It is recorded, amongst the most encouraging evidences of God's presence in some Presbyteries, that the ruling elder has been aroused to a clearer sense of his duty. The ancient custom, fallen so much into disuse of late, of elders holding religious services with their flocks on the Sabbath day, in the absence of the preacher, obtains in some few of our congregations, and, as might be supposed, is attended with the most beneficial results. It would be well if all elders were reminded that this is not optional with them, but is the binding law of the Church. But while some of our elders are disposed to come up to the full measure of their duty as overseers of the flock, in visiting families, holding religious conversation, catechizing the children, and praying with, as well as for them, there are others in the eldership who turn aside from all these burdens and privileges, and roll the entire responsibility upon the shoulders of an already overtaxed pastor. The man who has been appointed to this office, in very many congregations, is wholly unfitted for the place; and it is a pity for the pastor and for the people that the consciences of such persons do not either drive them from the position, or else goad them on to duty.

In conclusion, we are profoundly convinced that the elements for a great working Church are at hand, if they can only be properly combined. If the people have a mind to work, the desolations can soon, with God's blessing, be repaired. Is it, therefore, too much for the Church to say to all her sons in the present emergency, "It is expected of every man that he will do his duty?" This done, and the glory of our second Zion will be greater than the first.

ANDREW H. KERR, MODERATOR.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Executive Committee of Domestic Missions respectfully report that, immediately after the adjournment of the Assembly in December last, they entered upon the work committed to their care, and have prosecuted it, to the best of their ability, up to the present time.

The receipts of the Treasury, from all sources, have been \$34,746.97. Of this amount, \$12,000 were from the Kentucky Board of Aid for Southern Presbyterian pastors, and \$6,868.61, from sympathising friends in Baltimore. In both cases, these generous offerings were entirely voluntary. They relieved much distress among our impoverished ministers, and the donors are richly entitled to the lasting gratitude of our whole Church.

The general work assigned to the Committee was of a threefold character, viz.: 1. To make provision for the support of the gospel in churches that had been impoverished by the war; 2. To aid in repairing or rebuilding church-edifices that had been injured or destroyed by the same cause; 3. To promote the preaching of the gospel in the more destitute portions of the country.

The first of these departments, at the time the Committee entered upon their work, was altogether the most urgent, and, for a time, engaged their almost exclusive attention. It will be borne in mind, that, at the period referred to, a very large proportion of our churches were completely prostrated, that scores of our best and ablest ministers were reduced to utter poverty; and it was manifest that,

without a very special effort, the doors of many of our sanctuaries would have been closed altogether, or opened only for the admission of those who were openly and avowedly hostile to our existence as a Church of the Lord Jesus. In view of this painful state of things, the Committee at once addressed themselves to the task of furnishing such pecuniary aid to destitute brethren as would not only relieve their pressing wants, but enable them to remain at their posts, proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ, and, at the same time, shut off alldesigning intrusion from their flocks.

The appointment of Synodical Commissioners to act in concert with the Committee proved to be a wise and judicious measure. In no other way would it have been possible, either to have ascertained the condition and wants of brethren, or to have distributed the funds in the hands of the Committee in a just and equitable manner. By vigorous and persevering efforts on the part of the commissioners, the whole field was thoroughly explored, the condition and wants of every destitute brother accurately ascertained, and the Committee was thus enabled, in view of all the circumstances of the case, not only to distribute the fund under their control in the most equitable manner, but, so far as is known, to give universal satisfaction, and at the same time, relieve an immense amount of suffering. The commissioners, without exception, discharged their duties with zeal, energy, and fidelity; and they deserve the thanks of the whole Church.

At the close of the war, there was much variety in the condition of the different sections of the country; and the circumstances of the churches in these different sections were equally varied. Some portions of the country suffered much more from the direct effects of the war than others; whilst others again suffered very keenly during the first years of the war, but had measurably recuperated before its close. The Committee, as a matter of course, had reference to this state of things, and their disbursements were regulated accordingly. The Synod of Virginia, at the time referred to, was altogether the greatest sufferer, whilst it is questionable whether the second place should be assigned to the Synod of South Carolina or that of Georgia—the one having suffered most in the loss of church property, and the other having been reduced to greater personal destitution. The Synod of North Carolina occupies the fourth place in this roll of distinction. The Synod of Alabama suffered but little from the direct effects of the war, but had its full share in the poverty resulting from the general prostration of the country.

The Synods of Mississippi, Memphis, Nashville, and Arkansas, were greatly disturbed during the earlier periods of the war, but were restored to comparative comfort and strength before its close. The Synod of Texas suffered least of all, but the great majority of its churches, as is well known, have always been in a feeble condition—most of them being in the condition of mission churches.

The sums of money appropriated to the relief of brethren have varied from \$50 and under, to \$300. The whole number who have received aid from the Sustentation fund, including sixteen families of deceased ministers, is upwards of two hundred and twenty. Of these, forty-four belong to the Synod of Virginia; twenty-six, to the Synod of North Carolina; thirty-four, to the Synod of South Carolina; thirty-nine, to the Synod of Georgia; twelve, to the Synod of Alabama; ten, to the Synod of Mississippi; five, to the Synod of Memphis; nineteen, to the Synod of Nashville; six, to the Synod of Arkansas; twenty, to the Synod of Texas. The whole amount laid out in this department was upwards of \$23,000.

It is not supposed that these benefactions relieved all the wants of the brethren, or placed them in circumstances of full comfort. But they were most opportune, not only relieving much pressing want, but serving to ward off the most serious evils from many of our afflicted churches.

Having relieved every known case of pressing want among our ministerial brethren, and relying upon a kind Providence to supply their future wants, the Committee next addressed themselves to the task of aiding such congregations as had gone to work to repair or rebuild their houses of worship. Upon inquiry, it was ascertained that between ninety and one hundred church-edifices were either seriously injured or entirely destroyed during the progress of the war, about one-half of which were found to be in the Synod of Virginia. The Committee, at the outset, adopted the rule to make no appropriation, except where the people themselves had gone to work to repair or rebuild their houses of worship, and

where there was a reasonable prospect that they would be rendered fit for use with such aid as the Committee could extend to them. The appropriations have varied from \$100 to \$1000. In a single case the sum of \$1100 was appropriated to one church. Assistance has been given to sixteen churches in the Synod of Virginia; to one in the Synod of North Carolina; to three in the Synod of South Carolina; to six in the Synod of Georgia; to one in the Synod of Alabama; to one in the Synod of Mississippi; to one in the Synod of Memphis; to one in the Synod of Arkansas—thirty in all; about \$8,000 having been appropriated for this department of the work. The Committee are happy to state that they have been able to assist every church that has applied for aid, except two, whose applications were of a very recent date; and in every case except one, they were able to grant the full amount asked. A number of congregations in Virginia have repaired their houses of worship without any help outside of themselves. Others have received aid from sympathising friends in the neighboring Northern States. But many congregations have yet to commence the work of rebuilding, and will need all the help that can be extended to them. Dr. Mitchell, the Synodical commissioner for Virginia, writes that at least \$6,000 will be needed for church erection and repairs in that Synod. As much more will be needed for the churches in Georgia, Tennessee, and Arkansas. An effort should be made, therefore, to raise, during the coming year, at least \$12,000 for this department of the work.

Having met all the urgent demands of the sustentation and church-erection causes, the Committee next directed their attention to the work of supplying vacant churches with the preaching of the gospel—especially those in the Synods of Mississippi, Arkansas, and Texas, where they were known to be very numerous. The Committee had proceeded but a few steps, however, in the prosecution of this most important undertaking, when they found their work arrested by an empty treasury, which still continues to be the case; and they now await the instructions of the Assembly in relation to what is to be done in the existing state of affairs.

It was hoped that, with such aid as had been derived from the Sustentation fund, most of our crippled churches would by this time have regained their feet, and be able henceforth to support the preaching of the gospel without further aid. But this expectation, it is now feared, will not be realised for some time to come. A variety of causes have conspired to retard the recuperation of many of these churches. The severe and almost unparalleled drought of the summer, especially in the States of South Carolina and Georgia, the imperfect system of labor employed in the cultivation of the crops; the heavy burden imposed upon society by the presence of idle negroes and poor whites, the depressed state of feeling growing out of the uncertainty of our political condition, as well as other causes, have produced a very depressing influence upon the minds of our people, and will make it almost an impossibility to sustain the preaching of the gospel in a very large number of our churches. During the last two months, more than thirty applications have been made to the Committee for pecuniary assistance by churches that were formerly self-sustaining, showing that these churches have fallen back into the condition of mission churches. Mr. Wills, the Synodical commissioner for Georgia, writes: "I do not know of more than half a dozen ministers in the States of Georgia and Florida who are receiving a competent support. In view of the severe drought of the summer and the great uncertainty of the labor system, if a similar provision is not made for another year, it seems to me there will be no little distress in our ministerial ranks." It is questionable whether any better state of things exists in the churches of South and North Carolina. Dr. Mitchell, commissioner for the Synod of Virginia, writes: "I have made particular inquiry in relation to the future, and in my opinion many of our churches will need aid the coming year, and many of our brethren will suffer unless aid is continued to them." He then mentions twenty ministers that will need aid the coming year. The condition of the churches in East Tennessee imperatively demands help. In Texas, if we can rely upon the statements of respected brethren there, a very large proportion of the churches, it is feared, will soon become extinct or pass into other hands, if we do not go to their help at once. No time is to be lost in relation to this matter. Indeed, from information gathered from all parts of the field, it is questionable whether more than the half of all our churches will be able to

support the gospel the next year. Of this great body of feeble churches, some will be able to give half salaries, but the majority of them will give little more than a mere pittance. At the same time, we have a large negro population among us, for whose religious instruction some provision must be made. Whatever they may be able to do for themselves in the future, in their present unsettled and disorganised condition, very little can be expected. In the meantime, ministers of the gospel must provide for the support of their families. If the churches cannot support them, they must betake themselves to some other employment for this purpose. The consequence of this will be that the doors of many of our sanctuaries will be closed, or be left open only for the admission of those who will certainly try to draw them away from connexion with us. What then is to be done? This state of things demands the earnest attention of the Assembly. How are these churches to be sustained in these times of trial and distress? This is the problem of all problems. If a question of overwhelming weight was ever let down from heaven upon the shoulders of men, that question now rests upon this Assembly. What, then, is to be done? Where shall we look for help? By whom shall Jacob arise?

Fathers and brethren, trying and distressing as our condition is, there is no real occasion for discouragement or despondency. We serve a Master whose resources are alike varied and boundless. That same Providence which brought us into these great straits, will assuredly bring us safely out, if we are true to ourselves, true to the great principles we have openly avowed before the world, and especially true to the great Head of the Church. Our present afflictions are but tokens of our heavenly Father's love. If the chastisement we are at present undergoing but yield the fruits of humility, submission, love, and forbearance, these will bring a vastly greater tribute of praise to the Redeemer, and do more to promote the interests of his kingdom among men, than the most lavish expenditure of pecuniary resources could possibly effect. The great lesson we need to learn, and the one which God evidently intends to impress upon our hearts by his dealing with us, is that of self-denial and entire consecration to his glory. If this were the prevailing feeling of our people, we would have no difficulty whatever in threading our way out of all the difficulties and embarrassments of our present position.

Two things are especially needed in our present circumstances.

1. In the first place, ministers of the gospel, and the great body of our Christian people alike, must not only understand our true position, but must be ready to make all the sacrifices demanded by the present trying emergency. Ministers must not only accommodate themselves to habits of rigid economy, but must lay themselves out to perform a much larger amount of labor than they would in ordinary circumstances. "These are times," one has forcibly remarked, "when every minister of the gospel among us should aim to duplicate himself." Paul labored with his own hands rather than allow himself to become a burden to the churches. And why should we not, if the peculiar circumstances of the Church so require? A small school, in some cases, might be taught to help out the minister's salary. Two congregations ought always to be united under one pastorate, where neither is able to support a minister by itself. The minister of a large and self-sustaining congregation might assume the care of one or two negro stations, and thus save that much to the missionary cause, without doing any injustice to his own people. Nor should our people be less disposed to labor and make sacrifices for the common good. Every congregation which cannot provide for the full support of a pastor should prefer to have preaching only once a fortnight, rather than to throw themselves upon the missionary fund. Elders should keep up religious worship in our vacant churches according to the rules laid down in our form of worship. Much may be accomplished, too, through the medium of well-ordered Sabbath-schools, both for whites and blacks. By these and other measures of a similar character, a great deal may be done to alleviate the general destitutions of our churches, and at the same time promote their highest spiritual welfare. But these arrangements, after all, can afford only partial relief.

2. In the second place, a special effort must be made to raise the funds necessary to support the great body of our feeble churches. How much will be needed

that, for this purpose, cannot be stated with precision. After a careful consideration of the whole subject, however, the Committee have come to the conclusion that not less than \$50,000 will be needed for missionary, sustentation, and church-erection, during the coming year. At the same time they think there will be no difficulty in raising this amount, poor as our churches are, if our Christian people generally can only be aroused to a proper sense of their responsibilities in relation to this matter. An average of a little more than fifty cents to each church member would make up this amount. If there are individuals that could not give this much, there are scores that could give ten, twenty, fifty, and a hundred times as much, without doing themselves or their families any injury whatever. What is particularly needed, and what should be especially aimed at, in raising this fund, is that every Church under the care of the Assembly should contribute to it, even if the contribution did not exceed one dollar. Indeed, it might be well to have it understood that no congregation should expect aid from this fund that does not contribute to it according to their means. This is a matter in relation to which the voice of the Assembly ought to be heard throughout all our churches; and no pains should be spared in order to bring them all into hearty, energetic, and united co-operation. Unless this is done, we shall utterly fail to accomplish any of the great ends of our existence as a Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is readily conceded, that, without the baptism of the Holy Ghost, no plans, no schemes can be of any avail. But at the same time that we acknowledge the indispensable necessity of the Spirit's presence and influence, we must not lose sight of the great value of wise and judicious schemes. We have fallen upon peculiar times. Our Church is in a strait place, and we know not what is before us. We are not only called upon to contend for the truth, but we shall have to fight valiantly for our very existence as a Church. All our resources must be developed. No portion of our people must be left in idleness or inactivity, and no portion should be left unsupported or unprotected in the great conflict before us. What course, then, should be adopted for the development of our resources?

The general plan of taking up Sabbath collections, as a part of public worship, seems to meet with great favor, and, if generally carried out, can scarcely fail to bring about the happiest results. It has the sanction of the Scriptures, and if generally adopted, would not only enlarge the Church's sphere of usefulness, but would greatly promote the spirituality of all her members. God loves the liberal giver, and he will not fail to bestow rich spiritual blessings on every Church which habitually honors him with her worldly substance. These contributions, however, will not supersede the necessity of special stated collections for the great benevolent enterprises of the Church.

Of these there are four, which, it is generally admitted, have special claims upon the churches, viz.: 1. Domestic Missions, which includes sustentation, church-erection, and general evangelisation in our own country; 2. Foreign Missions, including all that is to be done for the evangelisation of the great heathen and papal nations of the earth; 3. The cause of Education, including the work of educating young men for the ministry, supporting theological seminaries, etc.; 4. The publication and the circulation of religious books and tracts.

Now, in relation to raising funds for these great objects, it is a matter of great moment that some general plan should be adopted to bring all our churches into harmonious and united action; and with the view of accomplishing this object, it is suggested that the Assembly would designate days when collections shall be taken up in all our churches for these different objects. For example, let the first Sabbath in January be designated as the day when collections shall be taken up in all the churches for Domestic Missions; the first Sabbath in March, for Foreign Missions; the first Sabbath in May, for Education; and the first Sabbath in November, for Publication. The weekly collections taken up on the Sabbath could be devoted to either of these objects from time to time, or to objects of local benevolence, by a vote of the session.

The advantages of such an arrangement are manifold and important. If generally enforced, it would at once bring all our churches, even the weakest and poorest of them, into efficient and concerted action, and make them feel that they have a work to do beyond their own narrow boundaries. A new impulse would be given to the cause of benevolence by this simultaneous and concerted action

on the part of all the churches. It would give the officers of the benevolent enterprises the opportunity to bring before the churches, just at the right time, all the information they will need to have, and prompt them to contribute according to their circumstances and wants. But more important than all, it will have the tendency to bring all our widely scattered churches into one close and compact brotherhood, and enable them to stand shoulder to shoulder in any emergency that may be before them.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions.

J. LEIGHTON WILSON, SECRETARY.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in account with James Woodrow, Treasurer for Domestic Missions.

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To cash paid ministers, etc., and to aid in repairing and rebuilding churches.....	\$31,969 52
To cash paid Salaries of Officers from May 1, 1865, to Nov. 1, 1866.....	1,875 00
To cash paid travelling expenses of Secretary.....	70 00
To cash paid office expenses.....	121 95
To cash paid exchange account.....	15 85
To balance in Treasury, Nov. 1, 1866.....	694 65
	\$34,746 97
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By balance in Treasury, May 1, 1865, reported by S. B. Newman, Esq., (gold)....	\$ 1,275 00
By premium on gold.....	523 44
By cash from Kentucky Board of Aid.....	12,000 00
By cash from Baltimore.....	6,868 61
By donations from churches and individuals.....	13,034 92
By donations from churches beyond our limits.....	1,045 00
	\$34,746 97

The undersigned have carefully examined the accounts of Prof. James Woodrow, as Treasurer for Domestic Missions, and the corresponding vouchers, and find them strictly correct.

H. MULLER, } Auditing
A. W. GASTON, } Committee.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 7, 1866.

MEMORIAL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, ON THE WORK OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS AND SUSTENTATION.

The undersigned respectfully memorializes the General Assembly in relation to the propriety and expediency of substituting a Central Sustentation and Advisory Committee in the place of their present Committee of Domestic Missions. A variety of considerations have led to this suggestion, only a few of which, however, can be brought forward in this paper.

In the first place, the Committee of Domestic Missions, as constituted at present, is not only wanting in definiteness of character, but occupies a very anomalous position in the minds of the generality of our Christian people. By some it is regarded as a mere financial agency, whose special province it is to gather up the surplus funds of the wealthier churches and Presbyteries, and apply them to the wants of the weaker Presbyteries and the destitute frontier regions of the country. Others again regard the Committee as combining in itself both ecclesiastical and financial functions; and whilst some of the Presbyteries prefer to carry on all their missionary operations through its instrumentality, others, on the other hand, eschew its agency altogether, except to gather up their surplus funds for the poorer Presbyteries. In the midst of so much diversity and contrariety of views, it is obviously impossible for the Committee to become an effective agency, or do much for the promotion of the spiritual welfare of the Church at large.

In the second place, it would be impossible for any central committee, even if the churches were united, to conduct the whole missionary work of the Church with any considerable measure of efficiency. The field is too large and the details are too multiplied to be fully comprehended by any one set of men. To carry on the work efficiently, even in a small section of this great field, requires an amount of knowledge of the state of the country, the disposition of the people, the character and qualifications of the men to be employed in the work, which none can fully understand, except those who have had much experience in such matters. To supervise the whole field, therefore, with any degree of efficiency, is very little less than an impossibility.

Further, the Church, in her present circumstances, scarcely has any need of a Committee of Domestic Missions, regarding that Committee in the light of an evangelistic, aggressive agency. The whole field is already covered by Presbyteries, which, it is now generally conceded, are the best agents that can be employed in carrying on the missionary work in their own boundaries, especially so far as all ecclesiastical control is concerned. Even the most remote and sparsely-peopled frontier regions of the country are constructively in the boundaries of the nearest Presbyteries, and ought to be under their spiritual supervision. When, therefore, a central committee is appointed to carry on the same work in any portion or over the whole of this field, the two agencies necessarily overlap each other, and the consequence will be conflict and confusion, or that utter inefficiency which always results from divided responsibility.

Still further, in the present prostrated condition of the Church and country, there is much more urgent need of a sustentation than missionating committee. Our great work for the present, and perhaps for a good while to come, is not so much to establish new churches, (though this is never to be lost sight of,) as to keep life and energy in those already established. The broken-down walls of our Zion must be rebuilt before we can expect to accomplish much in the way of direct, aggressive warfare. But what is the actual condition of a very large proportion of our churches at the present moment? One of utter prostration and helplessness! If we can rely upon the testimony of respected brethren from different portions of the country, very many of these prostrated churches must soon become extinct or pass into the hands of our enemies, if we do not hasten to their help. The Sustentation Committee, however, is not proposed as a temporary expedient, but is suited, as will appear in the course of our remarks, to all future times, as well as all possible circumstances.

The functions of the Sustentation Committee should be strictly financial and advisory. It is proposed that all funds raised in the entire Church, whether for sustentation, church-erection, or missionary purposes, should be lodged in their

hands, and be disbursed by them, according to well understood rules, for the benefit of the whole Church. In other words, the Church, so far as this particular department of the work is concerned, is to have but one treasury, and that treasury to be employed in sustaining the work of evangelisation, under the direction of the Presbyteries, throughout the whole Church. It is substantially the Sustentation scheme of the Free Church of Scotland, so far as the missionary work is concerned. Its design is to give strength and vigor to our weaker churches, and unite the whole in one close compact brotherhood. The advisory power of the Committee will consist in reporting to the Assembly, from time to time, the condition and wants of the whole field; aiding in the transfer of missionaries from one portion of the field to another; and other matters of a similar character.

To the Presbyteries, according to the scheme we have under consideration, is reserved the entire absolute ecclesiastical control of all missionary operations within their bounds. It will be for them to appoint the missionaries; to designate the place where they are to labor; superintend their work; and to the Presbyteries alone, under the great Head of the Church, must the missionaries be responsible for the faithful discharge of their duties. The Presbyteries, too, must decide directly, or through their Committees of Missions, what churches within their bounds will be entitled to receive aid from the Sustentation Committee, and also to what extent:—it being understood, however, that the Central Committee is to have discretionary power as to what they may be able to grant from the common fund. In all cases, it will be expected that the older and stronger Presbyteries, unless under some peculiar providence, will contribute a larger amount than they can expect to draw, in order that pecuniary assistance may be provided for their weaker and poorer brethren. No objection will be raised against supplementing the salary of a missionary by private beneficence, where the expense of living is large; or to Presbyteries taking up further collections among the churches under their care, in case the sum allowed them by the Central Committee is not sufficient.

The chairman of the Presbyterian Committee of Missions should be the connecting link between the Presbytery and the Central Committee. Indeed, he should be regarded as a corresponding member of the Sustentation Committee. And not only should he be the organ of communication between the Presbytery and the Central Committee, but upon him should be devolved the responsibility of seeing that every church in the Presbytery contributes to the general fund. He will virtually be an agent both for the Committee and the Presbytery. This makes the chairman's office a very responsible one; and the Presbytery should see to it, that none but men of high qualifications are appointed to so important a position. It would also be necessary to make compensation to the chairman for such services as he will be required to give to this work, as well as to meet the necessary expenses he would incur in its prosecution.

There should be a code of by-laws established for the government of the General Committee in disbursing the funds committed to their care. This code could be altered or amended by the Assembly, from year to year, as the circumstances of the case might require. Many of these by-laws must be the result of experience; but one or two may be specified to give some idea of what they should be. For example:

1. All salaries given to missionaries, as well as all grants made to feeble churches to supplement the salaries of their pastors, should be fixed at a uniform amount, say \$600, \$700, or whatever might be thought necessary:—it being understood, however, that this amount might be supplemented by private beneficence, as has already been stated, in cities and other places where the expense of living is necessarily greater.

2. That no appropriation shall be made to supplement the salary given by a feeble church unless the Presbytery within whose bounds that Church is located, or its Committee of Domestic Missions, will certify that that Church itself has raised as much for this purpose as could reasonably be expected of it.

These, with a few other rules of a similar character, would be a sufficient guide for the Committee, and enable them to disburse the common fund so as to give general satisfaction.

The advantages to arise from this general arrangement are manifold and very important, and, it is believed, will commend themselves to the understanding of the Assembly without any formal or labored argument.

It is admitted on all hands, that our schemes of benevolence, as constituted and carried on at present, and especially that of Domestic Missions, are not accomplishing all that is reasonably expected of them, or all that the present trying circumstances of the Church imperatively demand. Not one-fifth of our churches have contributed any thing at all to the cause of Domestic Missions during the past year. Besides, of what has actually been contributed, at least nineteenth-twentieths have been specially designated for sustentation purposes. Had it not been for the generous contributions of friends in Kentucky and Baltimore, your Committee could have done very little, either to relieve the wants of distressed brethren, or to aid in rebuilding broken-down churches. The question naturally presents itself, Why this deficiency on the part of the churches?

Much of it is undoubtedly to be attributed to the general prostration of the country. Still more, perhaps, is to be ascribed to the want of the Spirit's influence over the hearts of our people. We would have it distinctly understood, as the settled conviction of our mind, that no schemes of benevolence can be of any avail in building up the kingdom of Jesus Christ among men, unless they are thoroughly pervaded by the influence of the Holy Ghost. At the same time, we hesitate not to express the equally confident opinion, that the deficiency complained of is to be ascribed largely, if not mainly, to the imperfection of our present machinery.

What has been the theory entertained by the great body of our Presbyteries, and especially of the older and stronger ones, in relation to the best mode of conducting Domestic Missions? It is that the Presbyteries must have the entire control of the work in their own hands, that their own wants must be provided for first, and that whatever surplus funds there may be, or whatever may be obtained by independent collections from the churches, after the home wants are supplied, are to be handed over to the Central Committee for the benefit of the poorer Presbyteries. Now, it will be borne in mind that so far as the absolute ecclesiastical control of all missionary operations within the bounds of any given Presbytery is concerned, no question whatever is raised. In this particular, your memorialist stands in the foremost rank of those who advocate the rights and prerogatives of Presbyteries. But it is in relation to the mode and the extent of the provision that is made for the poor churches and the weak Presbyteries, that complaint is made. What do those surplus funds, which it is proposed to hand over to the Central Committee for the poorer Presbyteries, amount to? So far as your memorialist knows, not one single dollar has come to the treasury during the past year from any such source. And in relation to the independent collections that have been taken up in the churches, the great majority of them, as has already been stated, were designated for sustentation, and not missionary purposes. Perhaps not one thousand dollars were sent during the last year from all our churches to the central treasury for what might be properly denominated missionary purposes. The consequence is, that the great body of our young and feeble churches (and we have a very large number of them,) have been left utterly destitute, save what has been done in the way of sustentation. Now, this state of thing shows that there is something wrong in the working of our machinery. The wrong or the error, it is confidently believed, is involved in the theory we have just been considering. The course marked out by the older and stronger Presbyteries may be safe for themselves, and, if vigorously pursued, may be productive of the most important results; but its great fault is that it overlooks or makes but the most inadequate provision for those whom God's providence has made dependent upon them. It involves a policy that is alike contracted and selfish. It is at variance with that broad and deep principle of love which animated and characterised the primitive Church. Its tendency is to separate and disintegrate the different parts of the same Church, instead of building them up in one harmonious whole. So long as we were connected with the Northern Church, we were compelled, in self-defence, to adopt some such course. But now that that necessity has passed away, the continuance of the principle can result only in weakening our own hands.

But not only is the theory we are considering wrong in principle, but its practical working for some time past has been equally unsatisfactory. Of this we have had abundant proof in the last year's experience; and unless some powerful impulse, which cannot now be foreseen, is given to the cause of benevolence, we fear we shall have a sadder record to make of the next. Many of the Presbyteries which formerly acted upon this general plan, have not only failed to contribute to the help of others, but are not now self-sustaining. The committee have before them at the present time numerous applications from such, which they cannot possibly meet. It is believed these Presbyteries have been acting upon a principle which is too narrow and contracted even for their own support. What your memorialist believes is especially needed, under God, to give life and energy to our schemes of benevolence, is hearty, united, and harmonious co-operation among all our churches. During the recent conflict for politic independence, the great body of our churches acted upon the principle we are now advocating. We had but one treasury and one channel through which the beneficence of God's people flowed. The practical result was that nearly one-half of the whole of our ministerial force was in the field, as chaplains and missionaries, and, for the time, were well supported by the united beneficence of the churches. Here is a great fact illustrating the power of united feeling and united action on the part of God's people. And this is just what is needed in our present trying circumstances. If our churches generally could only be aroused to hearty, united action, our difficulties and discouragements would vanish like chaff before the wind.

We have only to add, that the plan we are advocating is eminently adapted to bring our churches into closer conformity with the spirit and character of the Apostolic Church. The first converts held all their property in common for the general good of the Church. We may not be required to imitate their example in all respects, but we ought to be actuated by their spirit, and be ready at least to unite in *raising one great missionary fund* for the benefit of the whole Church. We have in the history of the early churches a beautiful illustration of the spirit of intercommunion and charity which the blessed Saviour intended to characterise his people in all ages of the world. If Jerusalem, in the first instance, imparted the blessings of the gospel to Macedonia and Greece, Greece and Macedonia, in turn, ministered to the wants of the poor saints in Jerusalem. So, if our stronger churches in the older States must share their greater abundance with their feeble sisters in the South-west, the churches in the South-west, when they have attained to maturity, and the rich resources of their country are more fully developed, will succor and help the older churches in their days of weakness, should such days ever come upon them.

And now, Fathers and Brethren, what we aim at in the proposed modification of our present scheme of missions, (and it is only a modification, and not a revolution,) is not only to give a fresh and new impulse to the cause of benevolence, but to bring all our weak and widely scattered churches into the closest bonds of Christian fellowship and brotherhood. The times imperatively demand this. Our feeble, newly-formed, and widely scattered churches, are not only in circumstances of great destitution, but they are exposed to peculiar dangers, and need to have the warm and affectionate arms of their older sisters thrown around them. They desire this; and shall we turn away from them with selfish indifference? No, never, so long as the Spirit of Christ dwells among us. As a Church, we all stand on the same common platform of faith and doctrine. Hitherto we have been preserved from all those heresies and strifes that are agitating other branches of the Church. Notwithstanding all our poverty and prostration, God is bestowing unmistakable tokens of his favor upon us as a Church. He has opened out before us a wide field of labor, both in this country and the great heathen world. Let us then go forward to this great work as one unbroken, united, and harmonious brotherhood.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. LEIGHTON WILSON.

November 4, 1866.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, in presenting their Fifth Annual Report, have still to lament the contractedness of the work in which they are engaged, but indulge the hope that it will be greatly enlarged as the Church regains her strength and is disposed to furnish the necessary means and agents for carrying it on.

The receipts from all sources have been \$9,732.99; of which \$598.66 were contributed in response to the appeal in behalf of the Rev. Eliás B. Inslee, the missionary to China. The general fund has not been sufficient to meet the wants of the Indian Mission and pay other demands against the Treasury from the same quarter for previous years. Our brethren there, in consequence, have been compelled to prosecute their work under much pecuniary embarrassment. This ought not to have been the case, and, in the judgment of your Committee, would not have been so, if it had not been for the lamentable remissness of the great body of our pastors and church sessions. Very small contributions from the churches, if they had been general, would have met all the wants of this cause, and would scarcely have been felt by the churches, even in their great poverty. Only about one hundred and twenty churches, or one-eighth of the whole, have contributed anything at all to Foreign Missions during the past year. At the same time, it is questionable whether these non-contributing churches have ever had the opportunity presented to them of contributing to this cause. And if this is really the case, pastors and church-sessions have assumed a responsibility in the matter, which they will scarcely be able to bear when they come to understand more fully their true obligations to the great Head of the Church. It is proper to mention here that \$100 have been contributed to our missionary fund by an aged minister and his wife in New Jersey, and \$350 by the church of the Rev. Stuart Robinson in Louisville, Ky., as well as other smaller sums from friends beyond the boundaries of our Church.

INDIAN MISSIONS.

The work of missions among the South-western Indians has been carried on without interruption during the year, but under varied circumstances of difficulty and encouragement. The demoralizing effects of the war are still painfully evident, especially in habits of intemperance and idleness, and in the revival of old heathenish customs that had previously disappeared from the country. Much discouragement is felt also in connexion with the reduced strength of the missionary force. The Rev. Cyrus Byington, who has labored in that field with indefatigable zeal for more than forty years, has recently been compelled, by feeble health and the infirmities of old age, to retire from active missionary labor, but will devote the remainder of his days to the completion of the translation of the Bible into the Choctaw language. His life of self-denial, of persevering labor and consecration to the service of Christ, has few parallels in the history of the Church, and will command the respect and admiration of the people of God, wherever it is known. Mrs. Byington, his aged partner in missionary labor, remains for the present at their post, in the hope that some one will come soon to assume the responsibilities which her aged husband has been compelled to lay aside. No one, the committee are sorry to state, has as yet been found to occupy this important post. The Rev. O. P. Stark, who has likewise labored diligently in the same field for nearly twenty years, has recently removed to Texas, leaving an important station to be supplied.

The present laborers in this field are the Rev. Cyrus Kingsbury, D. D., the original founder of the mission, and now eighty years of age, Rev. Messrs. Ebenezer Hotchkin, C. C. Copeland, and Alexander Reid, and Rev. Messrs. Allen Wright and Pliny Fisk, Choctaw preachers; all of the Choctaw mission; Rev. Hamilton Balentine, of the Chickasaw mission; and Rev. Stephen Foreman, native Cherokee, of the Cherokee mission:—in all eight missionaries.

The venerable Dr. Kingsbury still occupies his station at Pine Ridge, near Doaksville, the capital of the Choctaw Nation. Though fourscore years of age,

he has fulfilled every appointment for preaching during the past year, except one. He has at the same time acted as superintendent of a large Sabbath-school in the church where he preaches. His church embraces a large number of freedmen, who manifest a sincere desire to be instructed in the principles of the Christian religion. His church has recently experienced the reviving presence of the Spirit, eleven persons having been received to the communion of the church.

No report has been received from the Rev. Mr. Hotchkiss, and the committee are therefore unacquainted with the state and prospects of the church where he labors.

Mr. Copeland still occupies the station at Wheelock, as the central point of his labors. His family have suffered a good deal during the year from sickness, but they were in good health again at the date of his last letter. He preaches regularly at six different stations, besides occasionally supplying the church left vacant by Mr. Byington. Eight persons have been added to the church on a profession of their faith during the year. After referring to certain heathen customs that had been revived among the people, Mr. Copeland expresses the hope that they will gradually return to habits of sobriety and industry. He speaks of the weakened state of the Mission with much feeling. "Our destitutions," he writes, "are great, our strength feeble, and our numbers few—Fathers Kingsbury, Byington, and Hotchkiss nearly worn out, and myself worn and weary—Mr. Stark is about to leave us, and no native ministry coming forward to take the places of those who are called away. We must be reinforced, or run out. Besides all this we are crippled for the want of means. But God knows it all, and he reigns."

The Rev. Alexander Reid still makes Spencer Academy his headquarters, though there has been no school there since the first year of the war. Mr. Reid was severely afflicted in 1864, by the death of his wife, who had been a faithful missionary laborer for many years, and was one of the best of Christian women. He was left with three orphan children, the youngest not three years of age, all of whom are still with him and necessarily occupy much of his time and attention. If he can find suitable homes for them among our Christian people, he will gladly devote the remainder of his days to labor among the poor Choctaws. He has four stations where he keeps up regular religious services, connected with each of which, there is what is called a Saturday and Sunday school, in which there are about one hundred youths learning to read the Choctaw Bible. Preaching at these stations has been attended with happy results. At the close of the last sacramental service, twelve persons expressed a desire to connect themselves with the church.

From the Rev. Allen Wright, one of the native Choctaw missionaries above mentioned, no report has been received. Indeed, it is known that the greater part of the year has been spent by him in Washington city, attending to business for his people, and especially engaged in renewing the treaty between the United States Government and the Choctaw nation. Very recently he has been elected chief of the Choctaw nation. This is no doubt a fortunate measure for the general welfare of the Choctaw people, but he will scarcely be able to do much missionary work during the term of his office.

In relation to the labors of the Rev. Pliny Fisk, the other Choctaw missionary already mentioned, Dr. Kingsbury writes: "He is still in the mountains, preaching to a small congregation. They are making efforts to provide themselves with a church building. But poverty presses hard upon that little community. There are praying souls there, however, and God may soon visit them with the reviving influences of his Spirit."

From the Rev. Hamilton Balentine, the missionary to the Chickasaws, only one letter has been received. His principal station is at Boggy Depot, near the line dividing the Choctaw and Chickasaw countries. In relation to his labors, Mr. Reid writes: "I have a letter from Brother Balentine, dated the 22d of June, in which he states that his work there is more promising than formerly, though the number of Chickasaw hearers is not great."

The Rev. Stephen Foreman, the native Cherokee preacher, has been preaching and teaching for some years past among the Cherokees who took refuge in the Choctaw country during the first years of the war. It was expected, at the date

of his last letter, that these refugees would soon return to their own country, and he expected to accompany them. But at what particular place he and they will locate, the committee are not yet informed.

NEED OF MISSIONARIES.

From facts brought out in the foregoing statements, it is evident this mission must be reinforced, if we would carry on the work with any degree of efficiency. The committee has issued an appeal for some one to take the place left vacant by Mr. Byington, but no as yet no response has been made. It is now necessary also to call for some one to take charge of the large station left vacant by Mr. Stark.

SCHOOLS.

In former years, much was done by the missionaries to promote the cause of education among these people, who are very desirous that these schools should be re-established. In their recent treaty with the United States Government, provision was made for the support of schools; but what plan of education will be adopted by the Choctaw Council is not known. In the present unsettled state of affairs, both in our own and the Indian country, the committee are unwilling to assume any responsibility in carrying on the work there, beyond the simple preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The future may throw light upon their path, and indicate a wider field of labor, but, for the present, it is the wisest and safest course to restrict our labors simply to making known the unsearchable riches of Christ.

SOUTHERN MISSIONARIES IN FOREIGN LANDS.

It will be remembered that there were a number of missionaries from the South in foreign lands, sent out by the New York Board of Foreign Missions previous to the war. Your Committee kept their eye upon these missionary brethren during the whole course of the war, and, so long as it was practicable, furnished the means for their support. A number of changes have taken place in their circumstances during the period under consideration.

Mrs. Danforth, the wife of the Rev. John A. Danforth, died at Ningpo Mission in 1863. Mr. Danforth himself soon after returned to New York, having suffered much both in mind and body before he left China. Since then he has been laboring as a domestic missionary in the vicinity of Cincinnati. He has recently made application to be sent to China as a missionary under the direction of the committee. But the peculiar sufferings he endured while there, as well as his imperfectly restored health, have decided the committee against sending him back. Mrs. Hepburn, of Japan, and Mrs. Kerr, of Canton, China, the former a native of North Carolina, and the latter a native of Virginia, but for a number of years before she left the country a resident of Mississippi, still continue in their missionary labors and profess a sincere interest in the welfare of the Southern Church. Their social relations, however, preclude them from any official connexion with the committee; but they will no doubt enjoy the Christian sympathies and prayers of all our people. The Rev. Daniel McGilvary, a native of North Carolina, but for seven or eight years past a member of the Siam Mission, after holding the matter under advisement for several years, prefers to remain in connexion with the New York Board, and this decision, of course, terminates all correspondence between him and the committee.

The Rev. Elias B. Inslee, a resident for a number of years of the States of Louisiana and Mississippi, and a member of the Presbytery of Mississippi, went out as a missionary to China, under the direction of the New York Board in 1856. In consequence of some misunderstanding with the Board in New York, and also with the missionaries on the ground, his connexion with them was dissolved, and since that time he has carried on his work, in a great measure, at his own charges. His wife, a devoted and earnest missionary laborer, was removed by death on the 10th of February, 1866, leaving an afflicted husband and four helpless children. It has not been until within six or eight months past that Mr. Inslee had been able to effect any communication, either with the committee or his private friends in this part of the country. A letter was published from him some six or eight weeks since in all our religious journals, giving some account of his suffering and labors in China, and was accompanied by an appeal from the committee for \$500 in his behalf. That letter there is

reason to believe, has been read with much interest, and our people are not ignorant therefore of the character and position of this missionary brother. Within a few weeks, Mr. Inslee, with his four little children, has arrived in this country, and will probably be present at the meeting of this Assembly. He desires, after having provided suitable homes for his children, and done something to re-awaken the missionary spirit in our churches, to return to China under the direction of the Committee and spend the remainder of his days in proclaiming the glad tidings of salvation to that benighted people. It appears to the Committee, as it undoubtedly will to the great body of our Christian people, that God is thus opening a door by which we are to enter that great empire of darkness and sin, and take an honorable position among other branches of the Christian Church in diffusing the knowledge of the gospel among that dark-minded and multitudinous race. The Committee have accepted the offer of Mr. Inslee; and have appointed him a missionary to China under their care and direction. It is earnestly hoped that he will not only soon find comfortable homes for his children and do much to revive the missionary spirit among us, but will also find suitable brethren to accompany him back and share with him the responsibilities and honors of the great work in which he is engaged. He is commended to the kindness of our Christian people, and their prayers are asked in his behalf, that God would not only guide and bless him during his sojourn among us, but that he may continue to be made a great blessing to that benighted people, in whose welfare he feels so much interest, and to the promotion of whose salvation he purposes to devote the remainder of his life.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this report, the Committee beg leave to call the attention of the General Assembly to one or two suggestions, which they regard as very important to the interests of this great cause.

And first, that our ministers be urged to offer up special prayer, in their public ministrations, for the welfare and prosperity of this great cause, on the first Sabbath in every month; and where it is convenient and practicable, a prayer-meeting be held on the same evening or afternoon, for the same great object. It is further recommended that a collection be taken up for this cause on all such occasions, except on the particular Sabbaths appropriated to collections for other departments of benevolence.

Second, that it be enjoined upon the superintendents of Sabbath-schools to interest the children under their care in this work, and that collections be taken among them from time to time for this purpose. The Committee regard it as a matter of great importance that our children should be trained, even from their earliest years, to feel an interest in this great work of extending the knowledge of the gospel throughout the whole earth.

Further, that the Assembly enjoin it upon the Presbyteries to appoint some one of their number to act as the representative of this cause within their own bounds, whose duty it shall be to see that all the churches contribute to this cause, and, when they fail to do so, to report them to the Presbytery; and further that the same person be regarded as a corresponding member of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions. It is further recommended that until the Presbyteries meet and make the aforesaid appointments, the present ministerial commissioners to the Assembly be directed to act in this capacity in their respective Presbyteries—and where there are two ministerial commissioners from the same Presbytery, the older to take the precedence.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

J. LEIGHTON WILSON, SECRETARY.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in account with James Woodrow, Treasurer for Domestic Missions.

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To cash paid missionaries to the Indians.....	\$6,441 44
To cash paid missionary to China.....	50 00
To cash paid salaries of officers, from May 1, 1865, to Nov. 1, 1866.....	1,875 00
To cash paid travelling expenses of Secretary.....	40 00
To cash paid office expenses.....	37 50
To cash paid exchange account.....	34 32
To balance in Treasury, Nov. 1, 1866.....	1,254 73

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By balance in Treasury, May 1, 1865, (gold).....	\$2,298 37
By donations from churches and individuals from May 1, 1865, to Nov. 1, 1866....	4,684 42
By donations from churches, etc., beyond our limits.....	641 00
By premium on gold.....	1,040 80
By interest on Blair legacy, from Synod of South Carolina.....	1,068 40

\$9,732 99

The undersigned have carefully examined the accounts of Prof. James Woodrow, as Treasurer for Foreign Missions, and the corresponding vouchers, and find them strictly correct.

H. MULLER, } Auditing
A. W. GASTON, } Committee.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 7, 1866.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States:

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, beg leave to submit the following report:

The Seminary was opened for the reception of students on the first of November, 1865; the exercises were kept up by the Professors until the sixth of June last, which was the end of the scholastic year. Five students were received into the Seminary during the session, who have been diligent and attentive to their studies, and have made favorable progress. As to the further action of the Faculty, we beg leave to refer you to their report herewith submitted.

Your Treasurer submitted to the Board at its annual meeting, his report of the finances of the institution. It is full and correct, and is herewith submitted for your examination and consideration. The Board is of the opinion, that the finances of the Seminary have been managed by the Treasurer as well as could have been done under the circumstances. By reference to the report, it will be seen that the pecuniary condition of the Seminary has been greatly impaired by the fall of the Confederate Government. By the first report to the General Assembly made in 1864, it was shown that the permanent investments, in what was believed to be solvent securities then, amounted to \$262,000. The Seminary was out of debt, and otherwise prosperous. As the result of the war, many of

the securities have become valueless, and others have depreciated; so that now the Treasurer is of opinion that the investments for the Professorships, at the present value, are worth not more than eighty-six thousand dollars; and that of the scholarships, about nine thousand five hundred dollars: in the aggregate ninety-five thousand five hundred dollars. Thirty thousand of the forty thousand dollars of the Perkins Professorship, being invested in bonds of the city of Mobile, have been saved without loss; ten thousand dollars being in Confederate securities, were lost. The Perkins fund for the support of disabled ministers and their families, and for the education of pious young men, having been received in Confederate funds, has been totally lost. This is greatly to be regretted, as these objects are now pressing upon the Church, and demand its special attention. Such is the depressed condition of the corporations and private individuals upon whom our investments rest, that very little money has been received by the Treasurer in the course of the year. The Professors have all received a large portion of their salaries in coupons at par, when there was no prospect of realising the same on them. They have thus risen above the pecuniary selfishness of the world, and illustrated the true Christian character.

By the use of the coupons, with the aid of some individual contributions in provisions, and small sums of money by some of the churches, the Treasurer has been enabled to pay the Professors their salaries in full. Thus the Seminary has been relieved of an indebtedness which threatened seriously to embarrass it.

The resolutions of the last General Assembly, urging upon the Board of Directors of this Seminary the importance of endowing the Professorships, and reminding the churches and Presbyteries of their duty to sustain the Seminary by contributions "prompt and liberal," have received the careful consideration of the Board. It is deeply impressed with the importance of the speedy endowment of the Seminary and is anxious to do its duty in that behalf. Efforts have been made to accomplish the object; but more especial attention has been given to raising funds to supply the immediate wants of the institution, which were successful only to a limited extent. In the judgment of the Board, the contributions of the churches and Presbyteries were not "prompt and liberal." The Board has come to the conclusion that a general call upon the churches to raise the means to sustain the Professors for the next year, is not likely to be successful; and having ascertained that about four thousand dollars, in addition to the means in the hands of your Treasurer, will be needed for this purpose, it has determined to make the call special and specific, and has therefore adopted a series of resolutions, the objects embraced in which are commended to the favorable consideration of the Synods mentioned; which being revised and amended, are as follows:

"*Resolved*, 1. That in the present unsettled and impoverished condition of the country, it is not thought expedient to inaugurate any general scheme to raise funds among the churches for the re-endowment of the Seminary; but that it be recommended to the Synods, heretofore co-operating in the support of the Seminary, to raise each, in its respective bounds, and by such agency as may be thought best, the sum of one thousand dollars to supplement the salaries of four Professors.

"2. That in order to carry this measure into effect, Dr. Howo and the Rev. Wm. Banks be appointed a committee to attend the next meeting of the Synod of South Carolina; Dr. Woodrow, Rev. Rufus K. Porter, and Dr. John S. Wilson, the Synod of Georgia; Drs. Adger, Stillman, and J. L. Wilson, the Synod of Alabama; and Drs. Palmer and Lyon, the Synod of Mississippi.

"3. That the ladies throughout all our churches, be earnestly requested to engage in raising funds, in any way that may be thought best, for the support of indigent young men who may be engaged in the prosecution of their theological studies; and that the pastors of the churches be requested to aid the ladies by their advice in the prosecution of this undertaking.

"4. That the Rev. Messrs. Dwight Witherspoon, of Memphis, Tenn., Thos. R. Welch, of Little Rock, Arkansas, Nicholas Chevalier, of Gonzales, Texas, be requested to solicit contributions in their respective Synods, as they may have opportunity, for the general use of the Seminary.

"5. That, while adopting the above plan to relieve the immediate pressing wants of the Seminary, the Board would nevertheless urge such individuals in

the churches as may have the means, to make contributions for the permanent endowment of the Seminary; and they would therefore request Drs. Joseph R. Wilson, James A. Lyon, B. M. Palmer, and J. R. Burgett, to act as a committee to raise funds for the permanent endowment of the Seminary."

In view of the present state of things, the Board would recommend to the General Assembly to fix the salary of the Professor Emeritus at eight hundred dollars.

The Board desires to call the attention of the General Assembly to the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology, which is now vacant. It cannot be necessary to offer an argument to show to your distinguished body the importance of filling this vacant chair. The Board trusts that you will take this matter into consideration, and that you will see the necessity of giving to the Seminary, at the earliest day possible, a Professor of Theology. Disclaiming all desire to interfere with the freedom of the General Assembly in the matter of electing Professors for this Seminary, and believing that a nomination from us will not be regarded by your body as intrusive, we would respectfully suggest for the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology, the Rev. Henry J. Van Dyke, D. D.*

Notwithstanding the great conflagration and destruction of property at Columbia, the Seminary buildings, and the valuable Library, consisting of about eighteen thousand volumes, have been spared. This should excite our gratitude. Amidst the desolations in the past, the embarrassments in all the pecuniary interests of the country, and the low state of the spirits and energy of the people in the present, and the darkness in the future, there is much to cause serious thought, and to bring us to repentance. But we should not be alarmed, nor yield to despondency; in faith in the promises revealed to the Church, and in view of the blessings heretofore showered upon this Seminary, manifesting the favor of God, let us take courage, and press on in the discharge of duty. In that which has been saved, there is much to be thankful for, and in the hopes of the future, there is much to support and encourage us. If we will do our duty, we may rely with confidence that the great Head of the Church will bless our efforts, and will raise up friends who will provide the means speedily for building up this much cherished school of the prophets; and we may hope that our hearts may yet be made to rejoice in seeing it moving on prosperously in its great career in building up the kingdom of Christ in the world.

All which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Board.

THOMAS C. PERRIN, CHAIRMAN.

Columbia. S. C., Sept. 5, 1866.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT COLUMBIA, S. C.

The Faculty of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, respectfully present to the General Assembly, the following as their annual report:

The close of the war found the Seminary prostrate in resources, the region in which it was located plundered by a victorious and unscrupulous army; the town in which is its immediate local habitation, laid in ashes; the railways connecting it with other parts of the country, destroyed; and communication by mails annihilated; so that it was long in a state of complete isolation from those who have heretofore befriended it, or resorted to it for education. For a season there were neither vehicles nor other means of travelling to be had. The religious press was silent, so that for a considerable time we could extend no notice as to the resumption of our course of instruction. These difficulties have been removed in part, yet very gradually; and we have had but five students in attendance during the

*At the request of the Rev. Dr. Van Dyke, his name was not presented to the General Assembly when nominations were made.

past term. We have feared, indeed, that the proportion of young men devoting themselves to the ministry in this part of our Southern States, is much less since than before the war. Many who had intended the ministry have fallen in battle or been cut off by sickness while in the public service, and others, lacking encouragement and pecuniary means, have turned to secular pursuits.

In accordance, however, with the expressed wish of the Church, and encouraged by the generous aid pledged by the Synod of South Carolina, we have done what we could to keep the Seminary in operation, sharing among ourselves, for this end, the duties of the vacant professorships.

Independent of the treasury of the Seminary, whose payments have been scanty, and chiefly in coupons which still remain on our hands, we have received from other sources the following sums, which were sent directly to us.

From various churches for the Professors' Fund,

In cash,	\$1,055 40
In provisions,	148 73
	\$1,204 13
For Students' Fund,	\$463 33

Also 1 box of provisions, and 1 bundle of clothing.

Distribution has been made from the fund for Professors, as follows:

To Dr. Leland,	\$130 56
To Dr. Alder,	535 03
To Dr. Howe,	535 03

The report of the Treasurer will make known the amounts paid from investments. The preceding funds have been derived from the following sources:

Synod of South Carolina, Presbytery of Harmony,	\$606 50
In Provisions,	72 43
For Students,	235 00—\$913 93
Synod of South Carolina, Presbytery of Bethel, (for Professors,)	131 15
Provisions,	76 30—\$207 45
Synod of South Carolina, Presbytery of S. C., (for Professors,)	114 20
For Students,	37 33—\$151 53
Synod of Georgia, Presbytery of Hopewell, (for Professors,)	124 50
For Students,	5 00—\$129 50
Synod of Georgia, Presbytery of Flint River, (for Students,)	51 00
Synod of Georgia, Presbytery of Florida, (for Professors,)	29 15
Synod of Alabama, Presbytery of East Alabama, (for Professors,)	50 00
From S. M. and W. S. Beeson, of Niles, Michigan, for "Students who were engaged in military service,"	100 00
From a minister in New Jersey, (for Students,)	20 00
From ———, in North Carolina,	10 00
From a minister in Tennessee,	5 00

We would mention, in conclusion, as a matter of prime necessity, that the vacant chair of Theology should be immediately filled with some man of commanding ability, that a support should be procured for this Professor, and that the other wants of the Seminary and of beneficiary students should be provided for. And we would respectfully suggest that while contributions should be solicited for this end from other sources, the Synods under whose care the Seminary originally was, might perhaps be induced by suitable representations to pledge themselves, one to the support of one professorship, and one, or two combined, to the support of other professorships, till a new permanent endowment can be created.

Respectfully submitted, through the Board of Directors, by order of the Faculty.

GEORGE HOWE, CHAIRMAN.

Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., June 5, 1866.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, COLUMBIA, S. C.

Andrew Crawford, Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

1866.	SOUTH CAROLINA PROFESSORSHIP.	Dr.	Cr.
By balance due Treasurer in Confederate money, May 1, 1865,			\$900 89
To Confederate money in Treasurer's hands,		\$900 89	
By Dr. Leland, on account of salary to 1st January last,			555 00
To interest on Spartanburg and Union Railroad Bonds,		105 00	
To balance due Treasurer in Federal currency,		450 00	
		\$1,455 89	\$1,455 89
GEORGIA PROFESSORSHIP.			
To balance in Confederate money, May 1, 1865,		\$173 65	
To George M. Thew, Agent, in Confederate money,		625 00	
By Confederate money in Treasurer's hands,			798 85
To George M. Thew, Agent, in Federal currency,		190 00	
By Dr. Howe on account of salary to 1st April last,			877 00
By Advertising \$2.50, Repairing fencing \$109,			111 50
To balance due Treasurer in Federal currency,		798 50	
		\$1787 15	\$1787 15
FOURTH PROFESSORSHIP.			
By balance in Confederate money, May 1, 1865,			\$3,160 44
To Confederate money in Treasurer's hands,		\$3,160 44	
To interest on Bonds,		1,516 00	
By balance in Federal currency,			1,515 00
		\$4,675 44	\$4,675 44
PERKINS PROFESSORSHIP.			
By balance in Confederate money, May 1, 1865,			\$2,821 40
To Confederate money in Treasurer's hands,		2,821 40	
To interest on City of Mobile Bonds,		2,400 00	
By Dr. Woodrow's salary to 1st April last,			2,400 00
		\$5,221 40	\$5,221 40
THIRD OR NEW PROFESSORSHIP.			
By balance in Confederate money, May 1, 1865,			\$ 59 00
To Confederate money in hands of Treasurer,		\$ 59 00	
By Dr. Adger on account of salary to 1st April last,			1,119 50
By Treasurer on account of salary and travelling expenses,			600 05
To interest on Railroad Bonds,		472 50	
To dividends on Farmer's and Planter's Bank, Baltimore,		444 05	
To interest on John and Harriet English's Bond,		420 00	
To interest on 22 shares Telegraph stock,		22 50	
To balance due in Federal money,		266 50	
		\$1,684 55	\$1,684 55
LIBRARY FUND.			
To balance Confederate money in hands of Treasurer, May 1, 1865,		\$378 12	
By Confederate money in hands of Treasurer,			\$378 12
		\$378 12	\$378 12
PERKINS FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.			
To balance in Confederate money, May 1, 1865,		\$1,505 00	
By Confederate money in Treasurer's hands,			\$1,505 00
		\$1,505 00	\$1,505 00
PERKINS FUND TO EDUCATE PIOUS YOUNG MEN FOR THE MINISTRY.			
To balance in Confederate money, May 1, 1865,		\$1,269 70	
By Confederate money in Treasurer's hands,			\$1,269 70
		\$1,269 70	\$1,269 70
CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.			
To balance in Confederate money, May 1, 1865,		\$174 45	
By Confederate money in hands of Treasurer,			\$174 45
		\$174 45	\$174 45
RECAPITULATION.			
By balance due by South Carolina Professorship,			\$450 00
By balance due by Georgia Professorship,			798 50
By balance due by Third or new Professorship,			266 50
To balance due to Fourth Professorship,		\$1,515 00	
		\$1,515 00	\$1,515 00

ASSETS BELONGING TO THE PROFESSORSHIP FUND, GOOD OR GOOD IN PART.

33 1/2 Shares Farmer's and Planter's Bank, Baltimore, good,	\$ 833 00
Note or Bond of John and Harriet English, good,	6,000 00
38 Bonds City of Mobile for \$1,000 each, worth about 90c. to the dollar,	34,200 00
11 Bonds of the State of South Carolina, \$1,000 each, worth about 70c. to the dollar,	7,700 00
6 Bonds of the City of Savannah, \$6,000,	4,500 00
4 Bonds of the Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad, \$2,000, worth 70c.,	1,400 00
6 Bonds of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad, \$3,000, worth 60c.,	1,800 00
2 Bonds of the Spartanburg and Union Railroad, \$1,000, worth 60c.,	600 00
15 Shares Washington and New Orleans Telegraph Stock, \$750, worth \$40,	600 00
Funds in Georgia, less one scholarship, worth about,	27,000 00
100 Shares in the Columbia Bridge, \$10,000, worth,	2,500 00
5 Shares in the Planter's Bank of Savannah,	
John R. and Hugh Wilson's Bond for \$2,000,	
256 Shares in the Bank of Camden, worth something,	
218 Shares in the People's Bank, worth something,	

SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Funds invested in Georgia, \$2,500, worth,	\$2,000 00
2 Bonds City of Mobile, \$2,000, worth,	1,800 00
20 Shares South Carolina Railroad Bank, \$2,000, worth 80c.,	1,600 00
20 1/2 Shares South Carolina Railroad Bank, \$1,000, worth 40c.,	800 00
100 Shares Planter's and Farmer's Bank, Baltimore, par.,	2,500 00
44 Shares Union Bank, Charleston, worth 20c.,	880 00
100 Shares People's Bank, Charleston, worth something,	

SUPPLEMENT TO THE ANNUAL REPORT.

COLUMBIA, S. C., September 1, 1866.

To the President and Directors of the Theological Seminary:

GENTLEMEN: Since your annual meeting in May last, I have paid

Dr. Howe balance in full for his salary to 1st April last,	\$1,587 97
Dr. Adger balance in full for his salary to 1st April last,	1,345 47
Dr. Woodrow balance in full for his salary to 1st April last,	600 00
Dr. Woodrow one quarter's salary in full to 1st July,	750 00

I have funds in hand to pay Dr. Leland his salary to 1st April, but do not know where he is.

I have charged stock account with Confederate Bonds lost or worthless, viz:

In South Carolina Professorship,	\$12,600 00
In Georgia Professorship,	11,000 00
In Third or new Professorship,	6,500 00
In Fourth Professorship,	8,500 00
In Perkins Professorship,	10,000 00
Perkins disabled minister's fund,	10,000 00
Perkins fund to support pious young men for the ministry,	10,000 00
Library fund \$2,000, Contingent fund \$11,000,	13,000 00
Education account,	8,450 00

\$90,050 00

Very respectfully,

ANDREW CRAWFORD, TREASURER.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, Virginia, herewith present to the General Assembly their annual report as follows, viz.:

I. Students. The whole number in attendance during the year has been twenty-four, as follows: Of the old students, Henry C. Brown, Edward H. Barnett, Parke P. Flournoy, John K. Hitner, James S. Greenlee, William L. Bailey, Kenneth McIntyre, S. Taylor Martin, Daniel Blain, and James H. H. Winfree; and as resident licentiate, James P. Smith. The following new students were matriculated during the session, viz.:

September 11, 1865. George Lacon Leyburn, of Peaks Church, Bedford, Va., graduate of Washington College, Virginia, and licentiate of Roanoke Presbytery. Francis McFarland Swoope, of Hebron Church, Lexington Presbytery, and student of Washington College and University of Virginia. October 2, Edward Lane, of

Presbyterian Church of Haverstraw, N. Y., and student of Oglethorpe University, Georgia. John Silas Young, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Lebanon, Tenn., and graduate of Lebanon University. October 28. Matthew Hale Houston, of Waynesboro' Church, Lexington Presbytery, and graduate of Washington College. Wm. U. Murkland, of College Church, West Hanover Presbytery, and graduate of Hampden Sidney College. Robert H. Nall, of Tuskegee Church, Ala., graduate of Oglethorpe University, Georgia, and candidate of the Presbytery of East Alabama. December 16. John McMillain McIver, of Buffalo Church, graduate of North Carolina University, and candidate of Fayetteville Presbytery. Robert Thomas Murphy, of Oak Plains Church, graduate of the University of North Carolina, and candidate of Fayetteville Presbytery. January 27, 1866. John Calvin Dinwiddie, of Lebanon Church, West Hanover Presbytery, and graduate of the University of Virginia. George Williamson Finley, deacon of Clarksville Church, Virginia, candidate of Orange Presbytery, North Carolina, and graduate of Washington College, Virginia. February 17. G. Nash Morton, of College Church, and graduate of Hampden Sidney College, Virginia. Joshua G. Hunter, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

One has completed the full course of study required by the plan of the Seminary, and received the usual certificate, Mr. Henry C. Brown.

II. The Library. The following additions have been made, viz.: Swendenborg on Revelation, 8 vols. Swendenborg's Christian Religion, 4 vols. Tafels 1 vol., donated by Mr. N. F. Cabell. Dr. Sprague's Annals, Vol. 7., from the author. The library is in pressing need of large additions, which the interests of the Seminary imperatively demand.

III. The Faculty are: Rev. Samuel B. Wilson, Professor of Pastoral Theology and Evidences; Rev. B. M. Smith, Professor of Oriental Literature; Rev. R. L. Dabney, Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric; Rev. Thomas E. Peck, Professor of Church Government and History.

IV. The Board of Directors are: For the Synod of Virginia: Rev. William S. White, D. D., Rev. William Brown, D. D., Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D., Rev. James B. Ramsay, D. D., Rev. William H. Foote, D. D., Rev. James H. Fitzgerald, Rev. J. Calvin Barr, and Rev. S. D. Stuart, ministers; with Messrs C. C. Read, A. G. McIlwaine, Joseph Cloyd, and John Randolph Tucker, ruling elders; and for the Synod of North Carolina: Rev. Messrs. Thomas U. Faucette, Joseph M. Atkinson, J. Henry Smith, Jethro Rumble, S. A. Stanfield, J. P. McPherson, W. W. Pharr, and George M. Gibbs, ministers, with ruling elders, Messrs E. Nye Hutchison, N. M. Roan, and R. V. Watkins, and

V. The funds. The whole amount of funds available for the sustentation of the Seminary, regarded as ultimately valuable, being in Virginia and North Carolina State bonds, is \$98,847.51. From these there has of course been no income as yet, since the fall of the Confederacy. The General Assembly of Virginia has agreed to pay a sum equal to one year's interest, on the first days of July and January next. It is with sentiments of devout gratitude that we report the unexpected and wonderful manner in which the Seminary has been sustained during the past year, when nothing whatever was to be obtained from our funds, or from our impoverished people. During the summer of 1865, while thick darkness rested over all the future, a kind Christian lady of Baltimore visited the Seminary, bringing with her various evidences of the kindness and liberality of the people of that city. At her request, one of the professors visited Baltimore, and New York and vicinity, and was most cordially received by all to whom application was made; nearly every donor to the temporary relief of the institution having manifested as much pleasure in contributing as could be entertained by the recipients. The amount received as the fruit of this agency was \$7,944.50; which, together with \$1,539.82 received from other sources, makes in all \$9,484.32, which has been expended in the support of the professors and students needing aid, and some necessary repairs, leaving still a small balance. To God be all the praise.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. C. READ, SECRETARY.

W. H. FOOTE, PRESIDENT.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATION.

The Executive Committee of Publication, in presenting its Fifth Annual Report to the General Assembly, desires to record the goodness and mercy of God, which its members have enjoyed throughout the year. All their lives have been spared, even in the midst of the pestilence that walketh in darkness; and our friend and brother, the chairman of the Committee, has been permitted to visit foreign lands, and to return again to his wonted labors, protected in the midst of the billows by Him who ruleth the winds and the waves.

The results of the active operations of this year are quite meagre in comparison with what the necessities of the Church demand; but, nevertheless, considering the circumstances by which we are now surrounded, more has been accomplished than we had a right to anticipate. Beginning the year with a bankrupt treasury, and our depository, books and all, in ashes, necessarily the work of this year has been one of preparation. The foundations had to be relaid, on which, it is hoped, with the blessing of God, a stately structure, well proportioned, will gradually ascend.

THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary of Publication elected by the last General Assembly, the Rev. E. T. Baird, accepted the office, and entered upon the discharge of his duties on the 1st of January. Agreeably to what was understood to be the expectation of the Assembly, and in accordance with the desire of the Committee, the Secretary spent nearly three months in the South-west, presenting this cause before the churches, previous to his removal from his former residence in Mississippi to the city of Richmond. Although much interrupted in his labors by sickness, he was enabled to visit the churches in the large cities of New Orleans, Mobile, and Memphis, and a number of the smaller cities and towns. His efforts in behalf of this cause were well received, and he met with much encouragement. The response from the three large cities already named, was liberal, especially that from Mobile.

On the first of April he entered on his duties at Richmond, taking charge of the general correspondence and business of the Committee, and the editorship of the *Children's Friend*.

The subject of the appointment of a Publishing Agent had been taken up, but definite action had been postponed until the arrival of the Secretary. Immediately after his arrival the subject was resumed, when the Secretary informed the Committee that after much consideration of the duties before him, and of the work to be done, and especially in view of our limited resources at present and for some time to come, he had determined, for the sake of economy, to assume the duties of Publishing Agent, with the consent of the Committee, in addition to the duties devolved upon him by the General Assembly. By a unanimous vote at a very full meeting, this proposal was acceded to, and the Secretary of Publication was charged with the duties and responsibilities of the office of Publishing Agent. Since then, that officer has applied himself to his multiplied duties, as Secretary of Publication, Editor, and Publishing Agent. We are persuaded that while this arrangement has materially diminished the current expenses of our operations, it has in no respect interfered with their efficiency.

THE CATALOGUE.

In pursuance of the order of the last Assembly, the Committee proceeded, immediately after its organisation, to discharge the duty of preparing a catalogue of books to be recommended to our people, and to be kept on sale at our store. Owing to our limited resources, and the scant room at our command, it was judged best at first to prepare a catalogue of books adapted to Sabbath-schools, leaving the preparation of a catalogue of other books as a subsequent work. The catalogue of Sabbath-school books was prepared with great labor and much care—all the members of the Committee participating in it, except the Secretary, who, as already stated, was performing duties elsewhere. The catalogue was printed and mailed to all our ministers and churches, whose post-offices could be ascertained.

before the first of April. Moreover, immediately on the arrival of the Secretary, a store-room was secured, and a supply of all these books ordered, which have been at all times kept on sale at the publishers' prices. Two or three works of an exceptional character, it is ascertained, were enrolled on this catalogue by mistake. This error was promptly rectified. The catalogue, as a whole, has met with very great favor, and it is believed the list of books there presented is as excellent as any such library could now be made.

In the prospect of obtaining a better and more commodious store-room, the Committee are now engaged in the preparation of an additional catalogue of works adapted to the wants and purposes of our ministers and people. One difficulty of a very serious character encounters us here. Every work placed on the catalogue and offered for sale, according to the order of the last Assembly, must be stamped as approved by the Committee. What does this approval involve? An endorsement of the work, or simply that for the purposes for which it is recommended it is approved? Many of the most useful books for ministers' libraries are exceptionable in many particulars, as for example, Kitto's *Cyclopædia*, the Commentaries of Olshausen, Stier, Rosenmuller, Bengel, Hengstenberg, etc.; yea, even the writings of John Calvin have doctrines in them, particularly concerning the Sabbath, which this Church cannot endorse. Indeed, if the object of the Assembly is that no book shall be placed on the catalogue which the Committee cannot absolutely endorse, our list of books will be very small, and it will take a long time to prepare it.

In view of the fact that the work of publishing has been begun much sooner than was anticipated, it is respectfully submitted to the Assembly, whether besides the books which we endorse by their publication, and those recommended for various purposes in our catalogue, a general supply of valuable religious books, whose character is well ascertained, may not be kept on hand for sale as circumstances may require. These changes seem to be needed, in view of the issuing of our own publications, and for the sake of business efficiency, as well as a matter of expediency, for the accommodation of our brethren.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND.

According to the direction of the last Assembly, the publication of *The Children's Friend* was resumed on the first of last January, under the temporary editorship of the Rev. Wm. Brown, D. D. Mr. Wm. D. Cooke, our former Publishing Agent, had commenced a paper with the same name, on his own individual responsibility, and had issued two numbers of it, viz., for the months of November and December. It was manifest that two Sabbath-school papers were not needed in this city, especially two bearing the same name. In order that no damage might accrue to Mr. Cooke, on account of his benevolent enterprise, it was agreed to purchase from him the printing material which he had procured, principally music type, and also to furnish all his subscribers, nine hundred in number, with the paper for ten months, in order to complete the year for which they had paid him. Mr. Cooke thereupon relinquished his enterprise.

The publication of the *Children's Friend* was resumed without any subscribers, but with this heavy expense resting on it. A large edition of the first number was issued and sent gratuitously to every part of the Church. Subscribers soon began to come in, and its popularity has manifestly been on the increase ever since. At first it was issued but once a month, but the subscription list had grown to about 9,500 by the first of July, so as to justify its publication twice a month thereafter at the same terms. This met with universal favor, and, although between 3,500 and 4,000 subscribers have been lost to us up to this time, owing to the termination of their six months' subscription, still the increase has been steady, and now this little journal has an issue of 10,500 copies for every number.

Owing to the unsettled state of the money market, and of the cost of everything pertaining to living, subscriptions have heretofore been received for six months. But the evils of this are very manifest. Some Sabbath-schools, particularly in the country, can only meet during the summer months; others, particularly in the large cities, only meet in winter and spring. When subscriptions are only received for six months, at this time of straitness, there is a strong temptation resting on the teachers to subscribe for only the six months their schools are in

session, forgetting that the children need this means of religious instruction more when the school is not in session than when it is; and also forgetting that they are thus throwing on us the burden of carrying on the paper during the whole year for their accommodation for six months. This arrangement has therefore been discontinued. No subscriptions will be received for a less period than a year.

Encouraged by our past success, and with the hope of increasing the usefulness of the paper, its terms have been materially reduced. During the past year, the receipts and expenses will about balance. In order to justify the reduction of terms, the number of subscribers must be largely increased. The Committee invoke the co-operation of the General Assembly in securing its introduction into every Sabbath-school and every family in our bounds.

In order to add to its usefulness by increasing its circulation, it was proposed to the other evangelical denominations in our midst, to co-operate with us, the promise being made that the little journal should not contain any matter which could justly give offence to any evangelical Church. To a greater or less extent, all the denominations recognised as evangelical have rendered their countenance; but the M. E. S. S. Society of Richmond and its vicinity, has entered into formal co-operation in the prosecution of this work. But for this assistance, the paper could not have been issued twice a month, from the 1st of July. Nor without the prospect of its continuance, could it now be offered at reduced rates for the coming year.

BIBLES AND TRACTS RECOVERED.

In the last annual report it was stated that the store-room and all the property of the Committee had been consumed in the great fire, on the evacuation of this city by the late Confederate Government. We now have the pleasure of reporting that recently a large supply of the tracts, tract volumes, and hymn-books, issued during the war, has been recovered. These pamphlets had not been returned from the bindery at the time of the fire, and thus they escaped the flames. By the carefulness of the former Publishing Agent, they were sent to a large ware-room for safe-keeping. About the first of the summer, the Committee got knowledge of them, and had them transferred to its store-room. These tracts comprise all those published during the war, except five or six.

Moreover, about the same time, three cases of Bibles, imported from England during the war, but which did not reach this city previous to the surrender, were received from the Express office. They are supposed to have been sent away from Wilmington by the Express Company, to Augusta, Georgia, to avoid capture; and this summer were forwarded to this city, and came safely into our hands.

As a number of cases of Bibles were known to be missing, a strict investigation of the matter was gone into with the hope of recovering others of them. It was ascertained that six cases, with secret marks upon them, were received at Wilmington by a commission house in that city, in July, 1863. They say in reply to a letter of inquiry: "We made repeated efforts to ascertain the owners without success, and, on one occasion, opened two of them in presence of a gentleman from your city connected with one of the Tract societies, who said he believed he could find out who they were for, and would write the parties. Since which we have heard nothing more. The cases were left in Wilmington on the evacuation of our city, and upon our return, we find that the Yankees had been occupying our store, and the only thing left of the cases, which had been broken open by them, were a few books and tracts scattered about the floor."

Moreover it was ascertained that twenty-six cases had been sent to this Committee, which were still at Nassau at the time of the fall of Wilmington. Seeing the impossibility of their reaching Richmond, the British and Foreign Bible Society transferred the donation of the twenty-six cases, with about forty more, to a minister of another denomination from Texas, who, through mismanagement or want of knowledge of the business, lost the whole of them at Havana. On account of a violation of the local laws, they were confiscated and sold at auction. A Northern merchant bought them, and brought them to New York or Boston.

Immediately after the fall of the Confederacy, the former Secretary of Publication, the Rev. Dr. John Leyburn, wrote a letter to the Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, stating the poverty of our people under the calamities

of war, and as a result of the failure of the Government, acknowledging the Christian generosity of the British and Foreign Bible Society extended to us during the war, and confessing our inability at an early period to meet our indebtedness to that Society. To this a generous response was given, full of Christian sympathy, and relieving us of all anxiety about our existing indebtedness, the settlement of which was postponed until the Committee should be able to discharge it. But while the Chairman of the Committee, Dr. Moore, was in England, he sought an interview with the Rev. Dr. Bergue, the Foreign Secretary of that Society, who informed him that they considered the debt cancelled. This debt was about \$2,500 in gold. It ought here to be recorded, also, that that noble Society have likewise cancelled the large debt of the Confederate States Bible Society, \$20,000. Both of these generous acts were done without solicitation.

CLAIMS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD.

The Committee has the pleasure of reporting that a claim which the Presbyterian Board of Publication had, nominally against the Rev. W. J. Keith, of Georgia, but really against this Committee, has been adjusted finally and satisfactorily.

The history of this matter is this: Before the war Mr. Keith was employed as an agent or colporteur of the Board, and had in his charge a large amount of its books for sale in a fiduciary capacity. After war became flagrant, the Confederate Government passed an act sequestering the property of aliens. Under this act, the books of the Board were about to be seized and sequestered, when Mr. Keith very wisely set up a claim for the books as the property of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America, as the actual and lawful successor of the old Church for that part of the country included within the Confederate States—a principle which would undoubtedly have been acknowledged everywhere, had the revolution succeeded. Mr. Keith was required to give his bond for the safe-keeping of the books, pending the action of the General Assembly. That court justified the course of Mr. Keith, at its sessions in Columbia, S. C., in 1863, and promised to indemnify him for any loss he might sustain in the case; moreover, it ordered the books to be sent to Richmond, to be disposed of by this Committee. A portion of them were sold, a portion given away to the soldiers; but the bulk of them, with the money received from their sale, perished along with the other property of the Committee, at the fall of the Confederacy, and by the great fire.

When this Committee learned that the Board had called on Mr. Keith for a settlement, it promptly informed the Board that it assumed all the responsibility, and would discharge every just claim against Mr. Keith arising out of this business. After a careful investigation of the matter, and obtaining a settlement from Mr. Keith up to the time when our civil troubles began, the Board, by a unanimous vote, ordered the claim against Mr. Keith to be cancelled, and his account squared. The amount thus cancelled was about \$2,600. Of this action the corresponding Secretary, Dr. Schenck, gave us information in a very courteous note, the closing sentence of which is in these words: "We recognise with pleasure the honorable conduct of your Committee in assuming the responsibility of this balance; but are glad to leave the money in your hands that you may use it in doing what you can towards supplying the sad destitution of books among the Southern churches and Sabbath-schools." To this letter a suitable reply was returned, closing in these words: "We beg to assure the Board that we highly appreciate the honorable, kind, and just spirit, which has marked their action in this case."

Thus this matter has happily terminated, leaving no unpleasant recollections behind. The conduct of Mr. Keith has been marked by the strictest integrity and honor, and deserves, as it has received, the commendation of both the Board and this Committee.

PUBLICATIONS.

It was soon ascertained that our people would not be satisfied unless the business of publishing was undertaken by the Church. Moreover, a very brief experience in business showed the necessity of it as a matter of financial economy, and as an element of success in our work. The preparation of new books is a slow business. Those hastily gotten up are ephemeral at best, and not worthy of publication by

the funds of the Church. Hence, it was manifest that our first duty was to make a selection of works suitable for our wants from existing sources. This course was the more cheerfully adopted, because thereby the funds at command could be made to go much farther than they could possibly be made to reach in the publication of new works. The plan adopted was to obtain the use of existing stereotype plates, and to have our editions struck from them. One hundred different works have been issued in this way, the stereotyping and cuts of which publications would have cost not less than \$20,000.

Of these various publications, the aggregate issue has been 62,200 copies. About sixty of them are on sale; the rest of them have not been received from the bindery. In addition to the above, the issue of the *Children's Friend*, in the aggregate for eleven months, has been 151,500 copies, and of the catalogue 3,000 copies were printed. Several manuscripts are now on hand which have been approved, and will shortly be published, and several works are in the course of preparation which will soon be ready for the action of the Committee. Among these it may be interesting to know that one distinguished brother, at the request of the Committee, is engaged in the preparation of a Question Book for congregational and Bible Classes, and another is at work on a Question Book for Sabbath-schools. Moreover, a Music Book for Sabbath-schools is in press, to be called "Songs of Praise for Sabbath-schools." Some manuscripts, for various reasons, have been returned to their authors.

INCONVENIENT RULES.

In the prosecution of its work, the Committee has found much inconvenience to arise from the large quorum which the Assembly requires in the performance of its most important duties. This has been particularly the case the present summer, owing to the absence of several of the members from the city. Nor does the Committee possess the power to fill vacancies which may occur in its membership, which might have obviated the difficulty. This matter is submitted to the Assembly with the hope that such changes may be made in the rules prescribed for the government of the Committee as will obviate these inconveniences.

BRANCH DEPOSITORIES.

The subject of Branch Depositories included in the plan of the last Assembly, received early attention. Regulations for their management were adopted; but the funds were not secured to justify the establishment of a branch at any of the points deemed desirable. At Columbia, S. C., a Branch Depository has been established, without involving the funds of the Committee, but securing to that part of the Church great and important advantages.

This whole subject needs a fresh consideration by the Assembly. At the present advanced prices of everything pertaining to publishing, it would require a much larger capital than the endowment of \$50,000, which the last General Assembly proposed to raise, to establish four depositories according to its resolution. Indeed, if it is expected that our own brethren are to be encouraged to write books adapted to our wants, and that this Committee is to publish them, to do a successful work would require but little short of \$50,000 to be used at the centre of operations. A much better and surer plan to secure the rapid circulation of our books is, for every Presbytery to request some bookseller within its bounds to keep our books on hand for the convenience of the churches. We can sell them wholesale to the trade at as liberal a discount as is made by other publishers. Hence, make it to the interest of booksellers to keep these books on hand, and there will be no difficulty on the subject. Moreover, it is recommended to the Presbyteries to raise funds to purchase books, and to appoint some minister or other person to sell them among the churches. The discount allowed from the retail prices ought to furnish a reasonable compensation to active, industrious agents.

The state of the treasury and of the business done will be seen from the report of the Treasurer.

Besides the regular receipts in the treasury, a donation of sixty volumes of books was made by R. Carter & Brothers, for the benefit of some needy Sabbath-school.

Also, a donation of books of the value of nineteen pounds, was made by S. W. Partridge, of Paternoster Row, and another of six cases of books of the value of £188, by the Religious Tract Society of London. Neither of these donations has reached our store, though the first one has reached New York, and the other is daily expected to reach City Point.

Also, we have to acknowledge a donation of thirty dollars' worth of tracts and tract volumes from the American Tract Society of Boston.

The donations from Great Britain were obtained through the agency of the chairman of the Committee, the Rev. Dr. Moore, while in Europe. Other donations obtained through his exertions have not been heard from at the time of the writing of this report, leaving us in uncertainty as to their fate. In these valuable efforts on behalf of the Committee, Dr. Moore enjoyed the co-operation and assistance of the Rev. S. D. Stuart, of the Synod of Virginia, who was in England with him prosecuting other duties.

These donations, together with the tracts and Bibles which happily came into our hands, have been the only resources of the Committee for making donations to our poorer churches and Sabbath-schools, and for distributing religious truth to the destitute, white and colored. In the brief period during which this means of usefulness has been within our reach, many grants have been made which brought joy and gladness to multitudes of hearts. Overflowing thanks have been poured in upon the Committee from nearly every place where these silent messengers have gone.

NEW STORE-ROOM.

From the first of November, the Committee have secured one of the most elegant and eligible store-rooms in the city of Richmond, with ample room for all other purposes. In this same building are the offices of the Secretary and the Committee. These increased facilities have been procured, and the benefit of them is offered to the Church in the hope of its cordial co-operation.

FREEDMEN.

A pressing necessity of the Committee is money. An increase in the contributions of the churches is a matter of essential importance, not only to secure the full endowment, but to enable us to make donations to the poor, to print books adapted to our wants as a Church, and to prepare and give away books suitable for our unlettered freed people, who are in danger of falling more and more under evil influences, because of the inability of the Southern churches to give them the required help. Out of the scant means at our command, it was our pleasure to bestow donations on the Sabbath-schools organised among this destitute class. Our means for doing this came into our hands at a late day; and the amount done, has, of course, been small in the aggregate. Of all that has been done, nearly the half has been for the benefit of schools organised among our former servants. Our constant regret has been that we have not had the means of doing more for them. It behooves us as a Church to be awake to this question, to make special exertion to reach them, and to publish books for their spiritual good. The only reason why the Committee have not entered on this work is that we have had no means at our control for this object. The subject is urged on the General Assembly.

CONCLUSION.

It is not necessary to present any argument or exhortation to such a body as the General Assembly, in behalf of an object like this. In surrendering the trust committed to us into its hands, we embrace the opportunity of assuring that venerable court that the experience of the past, and the knowledge we have acquired of the wants of the Church, only make us realise more fully the magnitude of the work before us as a Church in this department, and impress us with the conviction that it is one of the most important agencies which the Church can employ for preserving its integrity, restoring its many desolations, and disseminating a knowledge of that truth which is unto salvation among the ignorant and perishing.

By order of the Committee,

E. T. BAIRD, SECRETARY.

Richmond, October 31, 1866.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF PUBLICATION.

Report of Wm. F. TAYLOR, Treasurer of Publication of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Treasurer of Publication reports his receipts for the year ending 1st November, 1866, to be as follows, namely:

For donations to Publication for the year ending 1st November, 1866.....	\$11,432 88
For sale of books.....	3,586 35
For subscriptions to <i>Children's Friend</i>	3,151 92
	\$18,171 15

DISBURSED DURING THE YEAR.

For purchase of books.....	\$4,687 70
For expense of <i>Children's Friend</i>	2,666 28
For Secretary's salary.....	2,000 00
For office expenses.....	811 34
For expense of Committee's publications.....	3,826 46
For agent's travelling expenses.....	469 19
Settlement in account with former Publishing Agent.....	200 00
Balance in hands of the Depository.....	713 39
Balance in treasury, November 1, 1866.....	2,296 79

\$18,171 15

W. F. TAYLOR, TREASURER.

The undersigned, charged with that duty by the Publication Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer, finds them correct, and that the balance in his hands on the 1st November, 1866, was two thousand two hundred and ninety-six dollars and seventy-nine cents.

P. F. HOWARD, Committee on Treasurer's Accounts.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION.

The Executive Committee of Education, in presenting its Fifth Annual Report to the General Assembly, has but a brief statement to make. The position in which the whole matter was left by the last Assembly, placed the Committee in very embarrassing circumstances. It will be remembered that the question of the discontinuance of the Committee of Education, as one of the agencies of the Church for systematic evangelisation, has been agitated in the last two General Assemblies, and that the question was left undetermined by the last Assembly: the whole subject having been once more referred to a committee to report to the present meeting. When this Executive Committee was organised last January, the sessions of all our literary institutions were far advanced: and as no candidate can be received as a beneficiary without the recommendation of his Presbytery, nothing could, in any event, have been done previous to the spring meetings of these courts. This threw the subject beyond our reach for the sessions of the seminaries then current, which immediately thereafter came to their vacations, and of the colleges, which were far advanced in their last term.

This fall, the case was even worse; for the fate of the Committee, now in suspense for two years, was so near its crisis, that our Presbyteries and candidates would be unwilling to hang their hopes on so slender a cord, and the Committee

was reluctant to assume future obligations which it might not be permitted to live long enough to fulfil. The consequence was that nothing could be done. In response to all applications, answer was given in accordance with these facts. Students were encouraged to believe, however, that they would receive such aid as they might require, if not from the Committee, at all events from the various institutions to which they might resort. The consequence was, they all turned away from the precarious terms offered them by this Committee.

Another evil effect was experienced in the efforts made to obtain information as to the actual position of this whole subject of ministerial education throughout our bounds. A circular was issued to the Presbyteries desiring information as to the number of candidates under their care, their stage of advancement, their necessities, etc. To this a response was obtained from only four or five Presbyteries. Again: an appeal was made for funds, to which a response came from only three or four churches, and the whole amount of funds contributed was only two hundred and seventeen dollars.

This statement does not argue that nothing has been done on this subject by our Church, but only shows that the situation of the matter is unfavorable to effort by the Committee. On the other hand, strenuous exertions have been put forth in various parts of the Church. Several of the larger Presbyteries are known to have an unusual number of candidates under their care, all of whom they undertake to support themselves. If all our Presbyteries were able to do likewise, there would be nothing to regret. But this, alas, is not the case. Several of the weaker Presbyteries have many applicants for aid to whom they are able to render no assistance; while the larger and wealthier Presbyteries satisfy themselves with discharging their obligations to their own sons. Moreover, our two Theological Seminaries, in the absence of the assured help formerly derived from the central committee, have originated measures for securing aid to their own students by independent agencies. So far, no evil is seen to result from this temporary expedient; but it does not require a superior sagacity, in view of past experience, to see that there is danger of this system resulting in rival institutions, presenting themselves before the Church with antagonistic claims for popular favor. This result the most courageous among us cannot anticipate without just alarm. So that instead of one central agency to act for the whole Church and harmonise its efforts, we are threatened with the naturalisation among us of rival agencies for this object. Our smaller and weaker Presbyteries, in the meantime, are in danger of being left uncared for, with their sons asking for bread while they can give them nothing better than a stone.

It is no part of our purpose to discuss the question of the continuance of the Committee as an agency of the Church; but we desire to surrender the trust committed to us into the hands of the General Assembly with the simple prayer that God would grant that venerable court the wisdom to direct in deciding this important matter.

One candidate has been received under interesting circumstances. Colonel Wm. Bingham, of the celebrated school at Mebaneville, N. C., proposed to take one student into his school and sustain him, provided he possessed specified qualifications. A student recommended by the Presbytery of Fayetteville was placed on this liberal scholarship, and is now enjoying the benefits thereof.

By order of the Committee,

E. T. BAIRD, SECRETARY.

Richmond, Va., October 31, 1866.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

The Committee now reporting was appointed by the General Assembly in May, 1863, to review the subject of Beneficiary Education, as it stands related to the support of candidates for the gospel ministry, and was ordered to lay the result of its labors before the Assembly next ensuing. This duty was discharged by our presenting to that body a paper which is recorded in the Appendix to the Minutes of 1864. The same motion which led to its adoption, embraced likewise the following resolution: "That the committee be continued, and requested to report to the next Assembly on the question, whether the support of candidates for the ministry should be provided for, and superintended by, the General Assembly, or by the Presbyteries, or in what other way." So many of the original committee and of those who were in 1864 added to its number, as were in attendance at the Assembly of 1865, presented, through one of its members, a report under this resolution. This document presented arguments which were intended to display the wisdom of taking the direct educational control of beneficiaries out of the hands of the Assembly, and placing it in those of the Presbyteries. It was discussed at some length, and re-committed, with instructions to the committee to report again to the Assembly of 1866. We deem it proper to state that the author of the referred paper was the Rev. John Miller, who has long been the able advocate of its peculiar views. And we take the present opportunity to make honorable mention of his name in this connexion; the more especially, because apparent injustice was done him in the report of 1864, inasmuch as in the body of that document, no notice was taken of the fact of his dissent from its views and conclusions, although the Assembly was otherwise informed of it. We also take this occasion to say that Mr. Miller is believed to dissent from this report as he did from that. All the other members do, however, (so far as their views have been ascertained by correspondence with the Chairman,) agree to submit what follows as embodying their convictions touching the important subject we were required to reconsider.

One Assembly, that of 1864, having already declared its purpose to adhere, first, to the principle that it is the duty of the Church to provide a suitable education for its ministerial candidates "as a matter of justice to all the parties concerned;" and second, to the policy of continuing for the present the organisation of the Executive Committee of Education;—but having, at the same time that it announced this purpose, thrown some doubt over the propriety of *perpetuating* this agency of the Church, by assigning to us the duty of inquiring whether it might not be set aside for the adoption of some better plan; and another Assembly, that of 1865, having declared its unwillingness, without further investigation, to adopt a report which decided in favor of the *Presbyterial* scheme in preference to the present one:—the committee has now to inquire if there be *any* mode for securing the great end in view that is likely to prove superior to that now existing.

It will be seen at once, that this inquiry might extend to a prolonged and various discussion of all the projects which have found favor in the Church, and have been proposed by thinking minds as substitutes for that scheme which is embraced in the constitution of the Assembly's Executive Committee, and which has been so long in use. Some have supposed, that, for many reasons, ministerial candidates ought, as a general rule, to be left entirely to themselves in procuring, out of their own unaided resources, the education which is to fit them for the sacred office. The principal arguments in support of this view are two: 1. The Church will be likely to secure a ministry from the better classes of society, when every candidate is relieved from the temptation of a bribe to mere mercenary feelings, and is made to understand that the office he is seeking is a prize whose attainment is worthy of all the sacrifices he can make to secure it: just as in the case of any of the other learned professions; and 2. That setting this consideration aside, the self-reliant candidate is apt, on the independent plan, to approve himself as possessing those more manly qualifications of character which do in themselves reveal a peculiar fitness for undertaking ministerial obligations. This latter argument involves all those considerations, so often insisted upon, which bear upon the point that every *beneficiary* scheme of education tells injuriously upon the self-respect of its objects by ranking them among the children

of charity, and thereby imposing upon their minds a sense of needless degradation. It is undeniable that the views thus announced carry weight with them, and cannot be lightly set aside. But they have been carefully discussed in our report of 1864, and decided by the Assembly of that year to be destitute of substantial force.

Others, again, have contended for the founding of scholarships in different literary institutions, or in the theological seminaries themselves, and holding up the income from these as an attractive prize to be won by superior intelligence and capacity in the way of awards of merit; so that, whilst the candidate shall ambitiously contend for his support from a quarter which draws forth all his energies as a student, the Church will reap the benefits of his mental activity in his demonstrated fitness and his augmented capacities for undergoing the duties of the ministry. This branch of the subject has also been considered in the report already mentioned, and the mode in which it was treated, as containing an unsound principle, approved by the Assembly.

We are at liberty, therefore, to pass by any further discussion of the fundamental question, whether the Church does not owe it to herself to provide in some regular way, and to her candidates to provide in some efficient manner, for the support of such of their number as do not find it possible, or do not feel it right, to provide for themselves. The deliverance of the Church is sufficiently clear, and probably conclusive, upon this point.

We turn, then, to the question as it remain to us, narrowed down to this inquiry: Is it not wiser to regard the *Presbyteries* as the exclusive almoners of the Church's bounty, and, for the purpose of allowing them the utmost freedom of action, to remove all the machinery which a great central agency under the control of the Assembly involves?

In meeting this grave inquiry, we are free to say there are several objections that may be plausibly, and that to some minds are conclusively, urged against continuing the Executive Committee of Education. The principal of these are, 1. It is attended by considerable expense, or would be, if in active existence under its proper organisation, and separated from the Committee of Publication. 2. That its constitution may be so interpreted and applied as to throw the solemn responsibilities involved where they do not properly belong, viz., upon a body which has no ecclesiastical jurisdiction and power. 3. That it is liable to have its confidence abused by the intrusion of undeserving candidates upon its funds. And 4. That the past experience of the Board of Education, of which our Executive Committee is a partial imitation, seems to give potency to these and other objections, so much so as to have often brought it into reproach with great and good men.

So far, then, as these things are concerned, it would appear to be wise for the Presbyteries alone to decide upon the qualifications of candidates under a sense of undivided and directly pressing responsibility; and, without the interposition of any costly or exceptionable agency, themselves to collect and disburse money for the support each of its own chosen candidates, in whatever ways they may severally elect. In the opinion of many persons whose zeal for the glory of God and the welfare of the Church cannot be questioned, this plan of exclusive Presbyterian control over the whole subject of education, is not only regarded as being in its theory most nearly in accordance with the whole requirements of the problem to be solved, but that it would be found the most efficient in actual practice, in every way conducing to relieve the entire interests involved from all needless embarrassment. Without, however, discussing this question as if it were now new, but regarding it as an old issue which has elicited the attention and brought out the talent of the Presbyterian Church in this country from the first year of its existence, our purpose shall be to present merely a brief historical view of the subject, as one which will best serve to set forth the true ground upon whose solid strength the Assembly ought to rest this matter.

It is undeniable that our Church has from the beginning, and always, felt the force of many of those objections which theory at first, and observation afterwards, have contributed to bring against the employment of a central Board or Committee, which should represent the whole Church in the management of its educational interests. At the opening of our ecclesiastical history in America, no plan was thought of but that of separate and independent Presbyterian action

in the premises. To go no further back than the year 1805, when more general attention began to be called to the necessities of this subject, the notice of the General Assembly was arrested by the presentation of an overture from the venerable Dr. Ashbel Green, in which he urged that body, to use his own language, "to recommend earnestly to the Presbyteries" the propriety of their "looking out among themselves pious youth of promising talents, and endeavor to educate and bring them forward into the ministry. Such exertions," he goes on to argue in the true spirit of those who now advocate this plan, "are likely to be made with greater ease, cheerfulness, and spirit, by each Presbytery within its own bounds, and in behalf of young men selected by its own acts, than if the proposition were that each Presbytery should contribute something to a *general* fund, and for the *general* purpose of educating candidates for the gospel ministry. The youths selected, living commonly within the bounds of each Presbytery concerned, will be well known to a number of the members; will have their characters favorably represented even to many of the individuals of the several congregations, and will usually have some particular friends who will afford special aid in defraying the expenses which may be incurred in the prosecution of their studies." These and kindred arguments in favor of purely Presbyterial action, met with extreme sympathy in the Assembly of that year, and present, with sufficient clearness, some of the determining views of those who at this day defend that plan. The importance of the subject, however, induced that body to let it lie over for maturer consideration, until the meeting of its immediate successor, to which it was strongly recommended as of great practical interest, and ordered "that the Presbyteries instruct their commissioners respecting the measures which they may think advisable to be adopted," in order to give the whole matter the form of a working scheme. Accordingly, in 1806, the commissioners from each of the Presbyteries, having been called upon to state the opinion entertained by their respective constituencies on this subject, it appeared that the overture had been seriously considered by most of them; that some had been long in the habit of employing the measures contemplated in the overture, and that others had adopted and organised such measures within the year, in consequence of the recommendation of the Assembly. Then, after anxious deliberation, the Assembly resolved to end the matter by urging every Presbytery "to make vigorous exertions to raise funds for assisting all the youth within their respective bounds who might need aid; to choose for them such schools, seminaries, and teachers, as they may judge most proper and advantageous, and generally to inspect their education during the course of both their academical and collegiate studies.

Thus did the Presbyterian Church, at that early day, solemnly sanction the Presbyterial plan of ministerial education, as being the nearest to the true theory of its organisation, and as meeting, in the best manner, the demands of the case. But, after several years of faithful experiment in this direction, it was found that, whilst this obvious plan had accomplished much good, it nevertheless altogether failed to develop, with any completeness, the resources of the Church, or bring into action its whole energies in the supply of a ministry that was adequate to the growing demand. Hence, an attempt was made, in the year 1817, to obviate some of the defects of the original plan, by a resolution of the Assembly recommending "to those Presbyteries which have funds for the education of beneficiaries, or which are able to raise funds for this purpose, but can find no suitable young men for education within their own bounds, to take measures to obtain candidates from the bounds of other Presbyteries, and educate them for the work of the ministry; or that they annually transmit money for this object to the General Assembly, that the Assembly may appropriate it to the end for which it was raised; or that they forward it to one of the theological seminaries within our bounds, to be applied by the professors to the education of indigent young men in said seminaries; and that the stated clerk of the General Assembly be the organ of communication between such Presbyteries as have money to be applied to the above purpose, and those Presbyteries which may have under their care young men who need their liberality." But the inadequacy of even this attempt at remedy soon became apparent, and brought out propositions for still better plans. In consequence, there were three great organisations soon and simultaneously

brought into being: two in the shape of educational societies composed of Presbyterian ministers and ruling elders, one located in the town of New Brunswick, in New Jersey, the other near by in the city of Philadelphia. The third was the Board of Education. Finally, in 1820, every other scheme was merged in the latter, and this Board was elevated to the place of the exclusive organ of the Church in the matter of furthering its whole plan of beneficiary education with respect to ministerial candidates. This Board did not, indeed, at once assume the shape into which it is now moulded; but after the trial of a great variety of modifications, all which were designed to leave to the Presbyteries the chief agency in the selection and the education of candidates, it gradually settled down upon its present foundations of apparent permanency. After this Board our Southern Church has copied the leading features of that plan which appears to have been the offspring of the practical wisdom of several generations of earnest thinkers and godly workers. And the question now for our Church to decide is, whether it ought to go back to the original and failing scheme of Presbyterian agency for prosecuting the work in question, or to any of those modifications which proved alike unsatisfactory, and out of which the existing one has grown as if by an uncontrollable necessity; or whether it is not best to acknowledge at once the impolicy of so doing, on the simple ground that, be our theories of church order in view of this whole subject what they may, *experience* must show that, at last, we too would be compelled to adopt the same conclusion which our fathers in the Church so painfully reached, viz., that a Central Board or Executive Committee is alone competent to manage, under the direct control of the Assembly, the practical details of that great scheme of education which is designed for the benefit of the Church as a united and harmonious whole. No human policy is free from objections, and we seem to be shut up to the adoption of that which, in the matter before us, actual experiment has demonstrated to possess the fewest and least damaging, all things considered.

This conclusion, drawn from the historical argument we have presented, might, or might not, be sustained by other arguments equally potent, were we to go over the whole ground and consider the subject of beneficiary ministerial education as an entirely novel one. But it has been again and again presented to the Christian mind in every possible shape which its great and pressing practical interest could have imparted to its consideration; and whilst almost all persons who are friendly to such an education in any form, would perhaps like to see in operation a scheme for its promotion which should throw the great responsibility in the premises upon the Presbyteries, yet probably none can show how this can be satisfactorily done in any other way than that which the whole spirit of the central agency scheme presents. To the *Presbyteries* must always belong the great, the solemn, the binding duty of recommending candidates for support from the common treasury of the Church. If they fail in this duty; if they are loose in its discharge; if they thrust forward beneficiaries who are undeserving of an education at the hands of the Church; with them alone lies the blame, as to them, on the other hand, belongs the Master's commendation for searching out and bringing forward worthy men for this purpose. The chief responsibility of the Committee must attach to its one great office of judiciously expending the educational funds of the Church, and to its duty of keeping the Presbyteries advised of the condition of the work it is prosecuting for them. If, therefore, the scheme be only well worked by all the parties involved, there can be no complaint lodged against it on the score of its employing a central agency to do for the Assembly what, in the nature of the case, the Assembly cannot well do except by a standing authorised commission. Were, indeed, our country more compact than it is; were all its scattered Presbyteries equally furnished with wealth; were the candidates likely to be uniformly distributed throughout our bounds so as to give to each Presbytery a share in supporting them proportioned to its pecuniary means; and were it certain that they all would prosecute the required work with an energy that would demand the addition of more of the stimulus which is confessedly derived from the properly administered influence of an Assembly's Committee whose eye is upon the whole field as the eye of the Church it represents, and whose hand, being that of the Church's authority thus conveniently exhibited, is ready to push forward the lagging wherever this is needed—or, were we to leave out

altogether the grand thought that the Church *is one*; that its visible unity is embodied in the Assembly where all its Presbyteries coalesce and combine; and and that, therefore, its ministerial candidates ought to be all gathered under the wing of its indivisible responsibility, just as all its other common interests are—then there might be room for the inauguration of some plan of beneficiary education, in carrying forward which the Assembly should not be the principal party concerned. As it is, however, your Committee can come to no other conclusion, all things being taken into the account, than that which impels us to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, in which such a modification of the present constitution of the Executive Committee will be seen to be presented, as is designed to carry into more complete effect the conclusions of the report.

[For the resolutions see page 34.]

JOSEPH R. WILSON, CHAIRMAN.

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Selma, Ala.	4	19	181	2	3	53				15	1248	
Summerfield, Ala.	7	13	82	4		28		31		20	1000	
Linden, Ala.	1	12										
Nanafalia, Ala.	6	85										
Mobile, Ala.	8	6	156	15	80	99	45	51	50	20	3500	300
Camden, Ala.	2	3	49	2	35					5	500	
Rehoboth, Ala.												
Mobile, Ala.												
Milton, Fla.	11	8	331	1	160	995	200		2500	75	9300	1854
Cahaba, Ala.												
Richmond, Ala.			32					46	32		600	
Newbern, Ala.	16	130		15		20	20	20	20	10	300	
Lower Peach Tree, Ala.			50									
Monroeville, Ala.			115									
Airmount, Ala.			33									
Pensacola, Fla.												
Selma, Ala.	13	23	158	5	85	190		812		50	6115	1560
Fairview, V.	4		32	2							700	
Newbern, Ala.			14									
McKinley, Ala.			17									
Bell's Landing, Ala.			22									
Dayton, Ala.			18							5		
Charlborne, V.			25									
Marion, Ala.			48									
Mobile, Ala.			88									
Shiloh, Ala.	11	3	39									
Columbiana, Ala.												
Ashville, Ala.			10									
Bagdad, V.												
—18.												
Pleasant Ridge, Ala.	90	78	2226	24	53	560	\$1567	\$1007	\$2642	\$108	\$26011	\$3737
Eutaw, Ala.												
Pleasant Grove, V.			22	1				45			300	
Greensboro, Ala.												
Tuskaloosa, Ala.												
Gainesville, Ala.	1	4	115	4	125	30	177	80		26	1800	

Candidates—2.

S. Preddy of Tuskaloosa.

R. W. B. Kennedy, W. C.

K. R. Morgan, S. S.

R. B. White D. D., P.

C. A. Stillman, D. D., P.

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J. Somerville, S. S.	Bridgeville, Ala.	Sardia, S. S.			25			9	5	8		6			75	
A. P. Silliman, W. C.	Clinton, Ala.	Elenczer, V.	11	1	166				20			10		11	190	
J. W. Pratt, W. C.	New York,	Carthage, P.	4	4	98	2	7		25			220	25	20	412	20
T. S. Winn, P.	Havanna, Ala.	Concord, P.			55				11			11		5	300	25
S. J. Bingham, P.	Livingston, Ala.	Mt. Zion, P.	11	2	75	5	5		5			15		3	100	55
B. F. Peters, W. C.		Hadden, P.	4		87	3	5		12			8				
B. L. Kennedy, S. S.		Oxford, S. S.			85							13				
		Elizabeth, S. S.														
		New Hope, S. S.														
		Hebron, S. S.														
D. D. Sanderson, P.	Eutaw, Ala.	Eutaw, P.	1		84		7			33		100	37	22	1600	22
A. M. Watson, P.	Bridgeville, Ala.	Oak Grove, P.	5	4	102	2	1	35		20	30	1	18	15	650	
		Bethesda, P.			33		2	25		20					150	
C. M. Hutton, P.	Pleasant Ridge, Ala.	Pleasant Ridge, P.	3		70		5	140		22		160	27	7	342	
J. M. P. Otts, P.	Greensboro, Ala.	Greensboro, P.	4	6	88		5	100			43			23	1150	
M. J. McLean,	—16. Bridgeville, Ala.	Demopolis, S. S.			25		2					6				
		Mt. Olivet, S. S.														
		Elyton, V.														
		Cedar Grove, V.	14	6	54	2	2	40	30					15	350	
W. B. Bingham, S. S.	Livingston, Ala.	Livingston, S. S.														
		Bethel, S. S.														
		Luxuepelle, V.														
		Memphis, S. S.	58	27	1242	14	46	474	\$138	\$280	\$153	\$679	\$107	\$167	\$7639	\$122
—28.																
SYNOD OF ARKANSAS.																
J. W. Moore, S. S.																
J. W. Moore, S. S.			9	4	73	1	3							14	50	
Thomas R. Welch, P.			21	14	100	11	6	120	120	190	15		70	20	3000	82
S. W. Davis, P.			4		11	2	1							5	500	
J. Anderson, W. C.			1	1	61	1	4							14	600	90
J. W. McCord, W. C.																
—5. Walnut Grove, Ark.			18	1	27		4									
			11	1	43		3	30						5	240	
					23										230	

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—5. Walnut Grove, Ark.

		18	21	580	14	21	150	120	190	246	70	58	4620	172
Brownsville, α														
Norristown, α				30										
Van Buren, α				40										
Fort Smith, α				30										
Helena, α				25										
Dardanelle, α														
Union, α				18										
Cincinnati, α				16										
Bethel, α				31										
Searcy, α				5										
Mount Hope, α				9										
Pocahontas, α														
Bayou Metre, α														
α From Minutes of 1863.		64	21	580	14	21	150	120	190	246	70	58	4620	172
Pine Ridge, S. S.		12	2	44	9	5			200				8	2
Living Land, S. S.				63		4								
Spencer Academy, S. S.		2		40	1	6							13	
Wheelock, S. S.		11	3	70	11	16		2	7					
Wapannock, α														
Mt. Zion, S. S. α														
Chickasaw, S. S. α														
Mt. Fork, V.		4		17										
Good Water, V. α														
Good Land, V. α														
Bennington, V.		2	1	29										
Chish Oktak, V.				29										
Six Town, V. α														
Lenox, V. α														
Mt. Pleasant, V. α														
Jack's Fork, V. α—16.														
α No Report.		31	6	292	21	31		2	207				21	2

2. *Presbytery of Indian.*

C. Kingsbury, D. D.

Doakville, C. N.

Belpre, Ohio.

Doakville, C. N.

Doakville, C. N.

Doakville, C. N.

Wheelock, C. N.

Paris, Texas.

Boggy Depot, C. N.

Park Hill, Cher. Nat.

Wheelock, C. N.

Boggy Depot, C. N.

Choctaw Agency.

Thomas H. Benton,

Licentiate—1.

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John Jones, P.	Griffin, Ga.	Griffin, P.	1	42	1	8	100								400	25
J. N. Bradshaw, S. S.	Powersville, Ga.	Perry, S. S.	3	337	1	4						10			200	64
S. H. Higgins, D. D.,	Griffin, Ga.	Columbus, P. E.	8	30	3	3	50							10	3	
A. G. Peden, S. S.	Griffin, Ga.	Friendship, S. S.		69	3	7	25					162		20	2612	
W. J. Keith, S. S.		Bethany, S. S.		81	2	10	100		32					5	40	
R. Q. Mallard, (in transitu.)	New Orleans, La.	Smyrna, S. S.		96	2									5	35	
Robert Logan, S. S.	LaGrange, Ga.	Central ch., Atlanta, P. E.	11	49	2							10		5		
T. F. Montgomery, S. S.	White Sul. Springs, Ga.	Brainerd.	7	36										5		
H. C. Carter, D. M.	Dalton, Ga.	greenville, S. S.												3		
Homer Hendee, T.	Macon, Ga.	Long Cane.		18		1										
L. H. Wilson, S. S.	Whitney, Ga.	Fellowship, S. S.	10	130	5	2								8	100	
E. D. Eldridge,		Pachitta, S. S.	5	48	2	4										
J. L. Rogers, W. C.		Philadelphia, S. S.														
John McCain, P.	Preston, Ga.	New Hopewell, S. S.		17												
C. P. B. Martin,	Saw Dust, Ga.	Bethesda.		19	1	2										
H. F. Hoyt,	Bainbridge, Ga.	Smyrna, (New) P.		52	1	6	60									
		Alcovia, S. S.		17												
		Fairview, S. S.		22	10	9	1									
		Goshen, S. S.		12												
		Decatur.		9	4	49	8					15		5	800	125
T. E. Smith, P.	—23. Cuthbert, Ga.	Carrollton, V.														
		Cuthbert, P.														
		Fert Gaines.														
		Muscooke, S. S.														
		McDonough, V.														
		Hamilton, V.														
		Lumpkin, S. S.														
		Salem, V.														
		Zebulon, V.														
		Forsyth, V.														
		Conyers, S. S.														
		Villa Rica, V.														
		Ennaus, V.														
		Jackson, V.														
			150	54	1879	37	103	635	\$73	\$10		\$240		\$113	\$6427	\$887

Licentiate—1.

Willis Love, (Colored) S. S. Atlanta, Ga.

Candidates—2.

3. Presby of Florida.		Quincy, V.	Monticello, V.	125	4	54	7	20	30	45	1000	100
E. Leo, W. C.	Quincy, Fla.	2	2	4	125	4	54	7	20	30	45	1000
W. H. Crane, W. C.	Houston, Fla.	8	11	71	40	11	71	6	35	45	1600	100
W. E. Hamilton, W. C.	Monticello, Fla.	20	9	100	30	20	30	10	20	20	600	100
J. Brown, W. C.	Thomasville, P.	9	1	21	40	9	100	6	30	40	2000	115
D. Fraser, P.	Pittsburg, Penn.	5	10	28	30	5	10	1	22	10	315	115
A. W. Clisby, P.	Live Oak, Fla.	18	200	15	15	18	200	12	50	20	300	75
E. P. Crane, Prof.	Tallahassee, Fla.	5	14	44	44	5	14	6	50	10	100	35
A. E. Chandler	Gainesville, Fla.	2	9	38	20	2	9	8	20	9	35	75
J. E. DuBose, P.	Fernandina, Fla.	95	55	1039	11	61	351	71	\$30	\$215	\$279	\$7250
W. J. McCormick, S. S.	Jacksonville, V.	11	61	351	71	\$30	\$215	\$279	\$7250	\$293		
A. Baker, S. S.	Marianna, V.											
James Little, W. C.	Mineral Spring, S. S.											
S. F. Halliday, W. C.	Euclase Valley, S. S.											
T. A. Carruth, W. C.	Houston, S. S.											
W. P. Harrison, S. S.	Quitman, S. S.											
William B. Telford, S. S.	Bethany, P.											
J. H. Alexander, S. S.	Bainbridge, S. S.											
D. Comfort, P.	St. Augustine.											
	Palatka, V.											
	Lake City, S. S.											
	Orange Creek, V.											
	Ocala, V.											
	Suwannee, S. S.											
	Oakland, P.											
	Kanapaha, V.											
	Valdosta, P.											
	Bethlehem, S. S.											
	Flemington, S. S.											
	1st Pres. ch., Savannah, P.											
	Mt. Vernon, S. S.											
	Walthourville, P.											
	Bryan Neck, P.											
	Savannah, Ga.											
	Ind. Pres. church.											
	White Bluff Con. church.											
	McIntosh, Ga.											
	Savannah, Ga.											
	Mt. Vernon, S. S.											
	Walthourville, Ga.											
	Savannah, Ga.											
	Savannah, Ga.											
	I. S. K. Axson, D. D., P.											
	C. B. King, P.											

Licentiate—1.

J. Woodruff.

Candidate—1.

4. Presby of Georgia.

D. L. Buttolph, S. S.

David H. Porter, P.

R. Q. Way, S. S.

N. P. Quarterman, P.

James S. Cosby, P.

I. S. K. Axson, D. D., P.

C. B. King, P.

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	St. Mary's, Ga. Waynesville, Ga. Darien, Ga.	St. Mary's, V. Waynesville, V. Darien, V.														
5. Presb'y of Hopewell.																
Henry Safford, W. C.	Greensboro, Ga.		2	1	42	1	2		63			20		10	8	
S. S. Davis, D. D., W. C.	Augusta, Ga.													10		
J. W. Reid, P. D., S. S.	Woodville, Ga.	Woodstock,												10		
C. P. Beman, D. D., S. S.	Mt. Zion, Ga.	Mt. Zion,	31	1	32	16	1							10		
Henry Newton, P.	Jefferson, Ga.	Thydira,														
R. C. Ketchum, Teacher.	Atlanta, Ga.	New Hope,														
G. H. Cartledge, P.	Bald Spring, Ga.	Hebron and Homer,	82	14	260	36	18	85							390	
R. K. Porter, P. E.	Atlanta, Ga.	(in transitu.)														
		Waynesboro and Bath,														
I. S. K. Axson, D. D., P.	Savannah, Ga.	Monticello,														
William Finn, P.	Milledgeville, Ga.	Milledgeville,	3		75		16	50	110	70					1200	250
C. W. Lane, S. S.	Greensboro, Ga.	Greensboro,	5	7	45				13	24				10		
J. R. Wilson, D. D., P.	Augusta, Ga.	Augusta,	21	5	360	6	4	150	400	150	1000	180		50	6000	1000
R. A. Houston, S. S.	Mayfield, Ga.	South Liberty,														
James Woodrow,	Columbia, S. C.	Prof. Theological Sem'y,														
		Eatonton,														
F. T. Simpson, S. S.	Washington, Ga.	Sparta,														
J. B. Dunwoody, W. C.	Washington, Ga.	Clarksville,														
A. D. Montgomery, W. C.	Newberry C. H. S. C.	Pleasant Hill,	14	10	240	5	19	90	407				53	30	4400	160
David Wills, P.	Macon, Ga.	Macon,														
J. J. Robinson, D. D.	Rome, Ga.	Lexington,														
T. P. Cleveland, S. S.	Danielsville, Ga.	Sandy Creek,	1	8	36	1										
E. M. Green, P.	Washington, Ga.	Washington,	1	30										5		
C. B. King, S. S.	Savannah, Ga.	Irwinton,	4	4	68		1	51	10	10	40	10	10	15	1200	144
W. Baird, W. C.	Griffin, Ga.	Pleasant Grove,														
J. DeWitt Burkhead, P.	Athens, Ga.	Athens,	6	5	286	2	2	60		9		33		30	2631	
P. C. Morton, S. S.	Clarkesville, Ga.	Goshen,														
F. Jacobs, Teacher.	—26. Washington, Ga.	Appling,	3	2	13	2	5								10	
		Carnesville,														
		Gainesville,														

Candidate—1.

SYNOD OF MEMPHIS.		3	8	11	26	6	36	5	5	23	10
1. <i>Presb'y of Chickasaw.</i>		3	8	11	26	6	36	5	5	23	10
Thomas C. Stuart, S. S.	Pontotoo, Miss.	4	2	46	2	6				58	
A. M. Mooney, W. C. <i>infirm</i>	Pontotoo, Miss.	3	3	21	3					50	
William A. Gray, P.	Ripley, Miss.	2	2	32	2	1	25				
L. B. Gaston, S. S.	Corinth, Miss.	194	67	1791	77	81	546	\$1003	\$263	\$1040	\$243
F. Patton, P.	Oxford, Miss.										
O. F. Rogers, S. S.	Verona, Miss.										
J. A. Kimmons, S. S.	Saltillo, Miss.										
John N. Waddel, D. D., S. S.	Oxford, Miss.										
J. H. Gaillard, P.	Geonewah, Miss.										
R. W. Shive, S. S.	—10. Searcy, Ark.										
2. <i>Presb'y of Memphis.</i>											
D. H. Cummins, P.	Covington, Tenn.										
J. H. Gray, D. D., S. S.	LaGrange, Tenn.										
Madison,		3	8	11	26	6	36	5	5	23	10
Elberton,		4	2	46	2	6				58	
Bethany,		3	3	21	3					50	
Danielsville,		2	2	32	2	1	25				
Concord,		194	67	1791	77	81	546	\$1003	\$263	\$1040	\$243
Harmony.											
Monroe, S. S.				42							
Pontotoo, V.				68							
Oak Forest, S. S.		13	7	82	7	4					
Ripley, P.		4	2	35	4						
Walnut Creek, S. S.				14	2						
Corinth, S. S.		12	2	148	5						
Lebanon, P.				59							
Hopewell, S. S.				33							
Providence, S. S.		14		59	1	2					
Unity, S. S.				39							
Hebron, S. S.				15							
Gaston, S. S.				53							
Oxford, S. S.		15	3	120	1	1					
Zion, P.		3	2	82	2						
Harmony, S. S.				50							
(<i>in transitu.</i>)				52							
Sarepta, S. S.				29							
New Hope, S. S.				1	20	1	5				
Ebenezer, S. S.				37							
Bethany, S. S.											
New Albany, V.											
Tallahatchie, V.		61	17	1037	16	19					
Covington, P.		3	1	70	3	50					
Portersville, S. S.		1	1	93	3	50					
Mt. Lebanon, S. S.		6	5	28	1	1					
LaGrange, S. S.											

E. C. Davidson, P.	Water Valley, Miss.	4	2	70	62	1	9	50	74	121	\$51	\$23	\$40	\$5422	\$256
Thomas P. Johnston, W. C.	Water Valley, Miss.	114	34	970	38	65	270								
H. McE. Morrison, S. S.	Spring Port, Miss.	1	1	14	1	9	50							100	
J. A. Sloan, W. C.	Collierville, Tenn.	12	1	50	1	4								200	
E. M. Richardson, S. S.	Grenada, Miss.	19	3	81	9	5	50				20			300	
G. P. Richardson, Teacher.	Grenada, Miss.	1	5	45	30						5			500	7
—13.														500	
	Chulahoma.			30											
	Corinth.			14										100	
	Waterford.			10											
	Willington.			25											
	Spring Creek.			10											
	Shiloh.			10											
—24.															
	Florence.														
	Whitesburg.														
	Ebenezer.														
	Somerville.														
	Tuscumbia.														
4. Presby of Tuscumbia.															
W. H. Mitchell, D. D.	Florence, Ala.														
Alexander Penland,	Huntsville, Ala.														
J. L. Harris,	Somerville, Ala.														
B. N. Sawtelle,	Tuscumbia, Ala.														
W. G. Williams,	LaGrange, Ala.														
T. Root,	Wetumpka, Ala.														
Thomas Morrow.	—7. Somerville, Ala.														
	Courtland, Ala.														
	Moulton, Ala.														
	Decatur, Ala.														
	Huntersville, Ala.														
	Savanna, Tenn.														
—13.															
	Denmark, Tenn.														
	Humboldt, Tenn.														
	Brownsville, Tenn.														
	Woodville, Tenn.														
	Eaton, Tenn.														
	Concord, S. S.														
	Trenton, Tenn.														
	Pinson Station, Tenn.														
	Robert McCoy, S. S.														
5. Presby of W. District.															
J. H. Gillespie, P.	Denmark, P.	3	1	142	1	7	25						29	1190	36
E. S. Campbell, S. S.	Jackson, S. S.	14	2	93	7	2								1088	160
J. W. Strother, W. C.	Trenton, P.	14	2	69	2	54								650	30
R. C. Garrison, S. S.	New Shiloh, S. S.	14	84	7	1	54							16	226	20
William A. Hall, S. S.	Concord, S. S.	10	115	5	7									253	
W. J. Anderson, S. S.	Eaton, S. S.	4	26										2	57	
Robert McCoy, S. S.	Dyersburg, V.		12												

S. S. Brown, Teacher.	Carrollton, Miss.	Carrollton, V.	11	6	37	3	3	65	17	60	15	350	22
J. W. Nell,	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	Bethesda, S. S.	18	13	38	6	2	20				205	75
C. H. Dobbs, Teacher.	Kosciusko, Miss.	Lebanon, S. S.	9	6	72	2	16					1500	
J. J. Daniels, S. S. and Ed.	Raymond, Miss.	Raymond, S. S.											
W. T. Hall, P.	Canton, Miss.	Canton, P.											
Stevenson Archer, P. E.	Greenville, Miss.	Greenville, P. E.											
J. A. McConnell, P.	Camden, Miss.	Camden, P.	2	28	2	2				13		370	
R. McInnis, Evang.	Canton, Miss.	Hebron, S. S.	3	9	3	2			5		5		
D. A. Campbell, S. S.	Brandon, Miss.	Brandon, S. S.	6	35	3	8			40		15		
A. H. Mecklin, S. S. —25.	Vaiden, Miss.	Poplar Creek, S. S.											
		Olney, S. S.											
	Carthage, Miss.	Goodhope, V.											
G. L. Wolfe,	Illawarra, La.	Carthage, V.											
		Salem, S. S.											
	Wenona, Miss.	Osborne, S. S.											
		Middleton, V.											
	Vaiden, Miss.	Mount Hermon, V.											
	Lake Providence, La.	Redbone, V.	6	3	56	3	1	54	45			750	
		Shongalo, S. S.											
		Providence, V.											
2. Presby of East Miss.			125	62	978	39	71	325	\$341	\$260	\$154	\$12456	\$272
James H. Thompson, S. S. S.	Salem, Miss.	Salem, S. S.											
Robert Bell, W. C.	Lake Station, Miss.	Enon, S. S.									20		
Joseph G. Gibert, S. S.	Mount Olive, Miss.	Philadelphia, V.											
		Calvary, S. S.											
		Dry Creek, S. S.											
		Hopewell, S. S.											
		Olivet, S. S.											
		Sharon, S. S.											
		Meridian, V.											
William C. Emerson, T.	Meridian, Miss.	Enterprise, V.							50		5		
E. W. Larkin, T.	Gainesville, Miss.	Brandon, S. S.	6	35	4	8	75		45		10		
Duncan Campbell, S. S.	Brandon, Miss.	Hebron, S. S.	3	9	3	2	30		5		5		
		Bethel, S. S.		30	1						1		
		Scobba, S. S.		7	35	3	1		41		5	275	
James W. Phillips, S. S.	Demopolis, Ala.	Paulding, S. S.											
Hector C. Smith, S. S.	Shubuta, Miss.	Pendleton, S. S.											
		Good Hope, S. S.											8

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James D. West, S. S. —9. Candidate—1.	Newton Station, Miss. University of Miss.	Pisgah, S. S. Mount Moriah, S. S. Montrose, S. S. Wahalak, S. S. DeKalb, V. New Hope, V. Marion, V. Mount Ephraim, V. Cato Springs, V. Fairfield, V. Zion, V. Monmouth, V. —29.	10 16 10	2 2 2 2 2 2 4 2	60 50 27 20	2 2 1 1	2 8 3 3	2 2 3 3				25 5		15 15 6 10	5 95	
3. Presby of Louisiana. J. A. Smylie, D. M. J. E. C. Doremus, D.D., S. S. C. S. Dod, S. S. J. M. Geary, P. G. C. Hyde, W. C. A. G. Payne, S. S. W. F. Gillespie, P. A. Z. Young, S. S. S. B. Hall,* W. C.	Livonia, La. Baton Rouge, La. Plaquemine, La. Plains Store, La. Baton Rouge, La. Clinton, La. Clinton, La. Liberty, Miss. Liberty, Miss. Woodville, Miss. Woodville, Miss. New Orleans, La. Rosedale, La. Williamsport, La. Liberty, Miss. Jackson, La. Atchafalaya, La. Osyka, Miss.	Baton Rouge, S. S. Plaquemine, S. S. Plains, P. Clinton, S. S. Comite, S. S. Unity, P. Oak Grove, S. S. Bethany, S. S. Woodville, S. S. Grosse Tete, V. Williamsport, V. Liberty, V. Jackson, P. Atchafalaya, V. —14.		8 33 83 54 46 40 2 2 120 55 71 8 56 64 8	128 33 83 54 46 40 2 2 120 55 71 8 56 64 8	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3					\$171		\$105	370	
James Stratton, P. W. W. C. Kelly, W. C. —11. * Deceased.			3	11	761	1	8			\$23			\$20	\$15	\$500	\$10

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N. P. Chamberlain, Mark Roux, J. C. Graham, S. S. E. B. Clegborn, J. J. Henderson, A. J. Johnson, E. Hart, R. McInnis, W. McConnell, S. S. McKinney, D. D., —19.	Thibodeaux, La. New Orleans. Amite City, La. New York. New York. Amite City, La. New Albany, Ind. Enterprise, Miss. Camden, Miss. Huntsville, Texas.	Thibodeaux, V. Houma, V. Helena, S. S. Pisgah. Covington, V. Centreville, V. New River, V. —16.	14 2 161	6 4 134	43 32 1127	4 1 24	17 6 187	1429	\$2396	\$386	\$160	\$1385	\$1680	\$150	\$200	\$2685
6. <i>Presby of Red River.</i> J. Franklin Ford, J. T. Davidson, Edward Eells, J. M. Hall, C. Harrington, C. Knox, S. S. A. R. Banks, S. S. J. E. Bright, D. D. C. R. Smith, S. S. —9.	Shreveport, La. Homer, La. Keachi, La. Jonesville, Texas. Rocky Mount, La. Minden, La. Vienna, La.	Shreveport, Homer, State Line, Midway, Salem, Keachi, Mansfield, Good Hope, Mt. Zion, Ebenezer, Rocky Mount, Minden, Alabama, —13.	4 <													

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	Cross Roads.	Meadow Creek. Timber Ridge. Mt. Carmel. Liberty Hill. New Salem.	216	40	987	64	48			20					\$2366	\$286
2. <i>Presby of Knoxville.</i> Thomas R. Bradshaw, Thomas H. McCallie, James Park, James Wilson, (<i>in trans.</i>) Fielding Pope, W. A. Harrison, (<i>in trans.</i>) C. C. Newman.		1st church, Knoxville. Chattanooga. Madisonville. Iebanon. Cedar Spring. Soddy. Sweet Water. Cleveland. Monmouth. New Providence. New Bethel. Mars Hill. Rockford. Tellico.	2	7	49		7	65		27	51		34	35	801	198
			1	13	74						34				745	35
3. <i>Presby of Nashville.</i> R. A. Lapsley, D. D. W. C. New Albany, Ind. J. R. Baine, W. C. Gallatin, Tenn. T. D. Wardlaw, M. D., P. Clarksville, Tenn. W. L. Roser, P. Franklin, Tenn. A. N. Cunningham, W. C. Nashville, Tenn. R. F. Bunting, P. Nashville, Tenn. J. W. Hoyte, M. D., Prof. Nashville, Tenn. H. B. Boudé, P. Gallatin, Tenn. F. C. Trimble, S. S. Nashville, Tenn. R. B. Moore, S. S. Shelbyville, Tenn. R. H. Allen, P. Nashville, Tenn.		Clarksville. Franklin. Harpeth, S. S. Professor. First church. Smyrna, P. Gallatin. Shiloh, P. Edgefield. Shelbyville. Second church.	30	5	130	20	8	70	193	40	300	150		10	1000	210
			31	4	104	20	7	70						3	1150	140
			6		25	5	4							1	130	
			37	69	327	16	43	425	25		387	460			7691	694
			42	14	116	16	20	50							1000	40
			10	2	61	5	3	20							250	20
			3	14	95	1	2	100							1700	
			6	1	102	1	2	202							1744	
			3	20	123		7	65		\$27	\$85		\$34	\$35	\$1546	\$233

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2. <i>Presb'y of Fayetteville.</i>																
Robert Tate, W. C.	Burgaw, N. C.	Philadelphia & Antioch, P		7	1 228		11	45	3	3	2	10	3	7	110	29
Simoon Colton, D. D., W. C.	"	Bethel & Lumberbridge, P														
H. McLean, P.	"	Shoe Heel, P														
H. McNeill, P.	"	Shoe Heel, P		1	300	1	2					6		5	300	
J. P. McPherson, P.	"	White's Creek, "														
H. A. Monroe, S. S.	"	Summerville, "		34	4 246	13	13	30	11	21		9		18	661	
Neill McKay, P.	"	Black River Chapel, "														
Colin Shaw, W. C.	"	Clinton, "		1	27	1	1	20							165	9
G. M. Gibbs, S. S.	"	Burgaw, "			27											
D. B. Black, P.	"	Shoe Heel, "														
D. Johnson, W. C.	"	Rockingham, "														
A. McMillan, S. S.	"	Fayetteville, "														
N. McDonald, P.	"	Mark's Creek, "														
		St Paul's & Big Rockfish, P		3	3 260	4	2	95	6	17	20		38	20	439	11
H. McAlister, W. C.	"	Galatia, S. S.														
J. M. Sprunt, P.	"	Grove, P.			37											
		Union, (Duplin), P. E.														
S. C. Alexander, P.	"	Black River Chapel, P.														
		S. River & Moore's Cr'k, SS		7	132	4	10	50				6		27	112	
J. M. Sherwood, P.	"	Fayetteville, P.		7	3 320	2	17	60	9	9	70	14	14	28	1225	174
D. D. McBryde, P.	"	Bluff, P., Sardis, S. S.														
M. McQueen, P. E.	"	Carthage, "														
		Union, (Moore), P. E.		24	2 137	8	10	25	5	9		4	3	6	333	7
James McQueen, S. S.	"	Bethlehem, S. S.														
G. A. Russell, P.	"	Tirza, P. & Barbacue, S. S.		25	252	10	2		5	5		25		30	1000	
N. T. Bowden, P.	N. C.	Sharon and Pee Dee, P.														
		Mt. Carmel, S. S.														
A. McQueen, S. S.	"	Ashpole & Smyrna, S. S.														
J. H. Coble, P.	"	Centre, P.			362											
D. Fairley, P.	"	China Grove & Cypress, P.														
		Long Street, S. S.		9	5 403	2	6	32	10	10				40	625	
McMcNair, P.	"	Bethel & Lumberbridge, P														
		Mt. Tabor, P.														
J. H. Colton, S. S.	"	Harmony, Macedonia, Mineral Spring, and Bethesda, S. S.			3 473	13	17	70				10		11	185	15

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F. N. Whaley, P.	Clarkesville, Va.	Clarkesville, P.	1	1	102	1	8	30	12					22	467	62
Thomas U. Faucette, S. S.	Oxford, N. C.	Nutbush, S. S.	10		53										81	34
		Oxford, S. S.			71											
		Little River, S. S.			155											
J. M. Kirkpatrick, P.	Danville, Va.	Grassy Creek, S. S.	7	4	38	2		35						20	800	300
Joseph M. Atkinson, P.	Raleigh, N. C.	Danville, P.	2	1	128	4	6	60						3		3
P. H. Dalton, S. S.	High Point, "	Raleigh, P.			110	4	3	45	16	13		9	11			
		High Point, S. S.			40											
Willis L. Miller,	Statesville, "	Speedwell, S. S.			20											
John B. Shearer, S. S.	Black Walnut, Va.	Mount Airy, V.	19	76	9	2	23		23	20		27	14	32	600	
J. Henry Smith, P.	Greensboro, N. C.	Spring Hill, S. S.	6	4	249	1	3	92	25	46	85			37	1753	
F. H. Johnston, P.	Lexington, "	Greensboro, P.	10	98	5	8	66	12			14				655	35
		Lexington, P.			10											
D. E. Jordan, P.	Madison, "	Winston, S. S.	4	4	107	1	5	24								
		Madison, P.														
A. D. Hepburn, Prof.	Chapel Hill, "	Leaksville, S. S.														
Drury Lacy, D. D.	Raleigh, "	Roxboro, V.			12											
J. C. Alexander, P.	Greensboro, "	Louisburg, V.			104											
		Buffalo, P.			106											
Calvin N. Morrow, S. S.	Oaks, "	Bethel, P.			60											
H. G. Hill, P.	Hillsboro, "	Bethlehem, S. S.	1	1	62	12	20				63		26	10	470	21
C. Phillips, Prof.	Chapel Hill, "	Hillsboro, P.	2		25	1								18	22	
C. H. Wiley, W. C.	Greensboro, "	Griers, S. S.												9	49	2
William B. Tidball, S. S.	Greensboro, "	Warrenton, V.			220											
L. C. Vass, P.	Newberne, "	Alamance, S. S.			40											
		Newberne.			12											
		Milburnie, S. S.			40											
		Eno.			40											
Alexander Kirkland, S. S.	Clayton, "	Oakland, S. S.	2	2	12	1								3		
		Fairfield.			40											
		Asheboro.			27											
		Washington.			45											
		Penuel.			4											
		Wentworth, S. S.			57									6		
		Long's Mills.														
		Stony Creek, S. S.														
			87	19	3022	30	82	531	\$203	\$79	\$320	\$36	\$51	\$303	\$8879	\$335

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<i>2. Presby of Charleston.</i>																
A. W. Leland, D. D.	Columbia, S. C.	Prof. Theol. Seminary.														
George Howe, D. D.	" "	Prof. Theol. Seminary.														
John Forrest, D. D., P.	Charleston, "	First church.														
Thomas Smyth, D. D., P.	" "	Second church.						30								
W. C. Dana, P.	" "	Third church.	1	2												
W. B. Yates,	" "	Seamen's chaplain.	12	29	192	1	15		105	72		100	54		3382	20
J. L. Girardeau, D. D.	" "	Zion.														
D. X. Lafar,	" "	Teacher.														
I. S. K. Legare,	Orangeburg, "	Teacher.														
T. H. Legare,	" "	Orangeburg.	4		70		5		75						400	
A. F. Dickson,	" "	John's Is. & Wadmalaw.														
John R. Dow, P.	Charleston, "	Walterboro.	9	2	122	6	18						20			
Edward Palmer,	Walterboro, "	Colored congregation.														
H. B. Cunningham, D. D.	Columbia, "															
A. A. Porter,	Spartanburg, "															
F. P. Mullally,	Columbia, "															
A. F. Smith,	Aberdeen, Miss.															
C. S. Vedder, P.	Charleston, S. C.	Summerville.	1		55		3								700	
W. T. Farrow,	Greenwood, "	Agent Am. S. S. Union.														
J. H. Carroll,	—20. New Haven, Conn.															
<i>Locutiates—2.</i>																
John S. Arbuthnot,	Marion, Ala.	Columbia.	27	38	475	7	44	30	\$200	\$72		\$100	\$74		\$4592	\$20
A. W. Gaston.	Columbia, S. C.	Barnwell.														
		Beech Island.			36		3		20						100	
		Aiken.														
		Stoney Creek.														
		Wilton.														
		James Island.														
<i>—14.</i>																
<i>3. Presby of Harmony.</i>																
W. Bearley, P.	Darlington, S. C.	Darlington, P.	4	2	111	3	4	30		33		54			600	
T. R. English, S. S.	Lynchburg, "	Turkey Creek, S. S.														

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1. <i>Presby of Cen. Texas.</i> Hugh Wilson, D. D., S. S. R. M. Loughridge, S. S.	Lexington, Texas. LaGrange, Texas.	String Prairie, S. S. LaGrange, S. S. Round Top, S. S. Blue Ridge, S. S. Carolina, V.		2	40 34 18 25 15		5 1			6	19 6 15			6 5	9	
A. J. Loughridge, S. S. Levi Tenney, Hillery Mosely, S. S. J. M. McChord, S. S. Samuel A. King, S. S. Michael Dickson, W. C. William M. King, W. C. William A. Smith, W. C.	Marlin, Texas. Marlin, Texas. Cotton Gin, Texas. Sherman, Texas. Milford, Texas. Milford, Texas. Bastrop, Texas.	Oak Island, S. S. Lancaster, S. S. Milford, S. S. Waco, V. County Line, S. S. Georgetown, V. North Basque, V. Pleasant Hill, V. Austin, V. Belton, V.		11 5 1	38 29 60 17 20	3	9 1 3	30 65		6	25 55 11			17 12 17	300 803 1000	
—10.			20	29	335	3	19	95		\$12	\$132			\$87	\$2109	
3. <i>Presby of East Texas.</i> P. W. Warriner, (infirm.) John Bell, W. K. Marshall, D. D., S. S. J. D. Sharp, J. Anderson, T. W. C. Dunlap, S. S. A. Shotwell, S. S. James Knox, (in trans.) John S. Park, (in trans.)	Canton, Texas. Henderson, Texas. Clarksville, Texas. Marshall, Texas. Webster, Texas.	Marshall, S. S. Henderson, S. S. Golden Rule, V. Rusk, S. S. San Augustine, V. Palestine, V. Hickory Hill, V. Gum Spring, V. Mound Prairie, V. Long King, V. Dallas, V. Larissa, S. S. Jefferson, S. S. Canton, V. Webster, S. S. Paris, V. Honey Grove, V. Sulphur Spring, V.	13	2	26 40 12 35 25 10 30 29 9 14 15 13	1 7 6	20 30 40							20 10 20 10	600 150 40 275	50
—9.			5	3	30	3	90	50						10	260 760	50
			13	16	312	1	16	280						\$96	\$2085	\$100

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8. <i>Presby of Winchester.</i>																
William H. Foote, D.D., P.	Romney, W. Va.	Romney, P.	24	100	1	8								15		
Jas. G. Hanner, D.D., W.C.	Baltimore, Md.	Springfield, P.	12	40	4									5		
Silas Billings, S. S.	Duffield's Depot, "	Elk Branch, S. S.	10	5	80	2								10		
J. L. Frary, W. C.	Shepherdstown, "	Shepherdstown, S. S.	46	5	194	12		130			150	25		35	1979	
W. B. Dutton, D.D., W. C.	Charlestown, "	Charlestown, P. E.		30				30						5		
M. Raymond, P.	Green Spring Dep't, "	Mount Bethel, P.	15	2	100	2	4	1	15			3		20		
L. F. Wilson, P.	Hedgesville, "	Falling Water, P.	2	1	25	1								12		
		Tuscarora, S. S.	15	45	7	2					20			5	200	
R. T. Berry, S. S.	Front Royal, Va.	Front Royal, S. S.	11	10	116	1	3	110			20			25	800	100
J. R. Graham, P.	Winchester, Va.	Winchester, P.		26							20					
Charles White, P.	Berryville, Va.	Berryville, P.		5	30			35						11		
M. W. Woodworth, S. S.	Ridgeville, W. Va.	Fusebin, S. S.	2	23										5	60	
W. A. Crawford, P. E.	Winchester, Va.	Opequan, P. E.		25										3		
J. H. Jennings, P.	Tomahawk Sp'g, W. Va.	Bach, Creek, V.		8	82	3	10	75						20	1128	75
J. E. Hughes, P.	Martinsburg, W. Va.	Martinsburg, P.	22	8	80									10	600	25
J. Johnston, S. S.	New Creek, W. Va.	Mount Zion, V.	43	2	75	10	2	75						5	100	
J. M. Clymer, P.	Woodstock, Va.	Woodstock, P.	2	1	45			25							100	
R. L. McMullan, W. C.		Strasburg, S. S.	6	30		3										
R. L. McCune, W. C.		Cedar Creek, S. S.		25												
E. W. Bedinger, W. C.	Halltown, W. Va.	Harper's Ferry, V.	12	1	164	4	13	125	61			53		20	1561	
J. W. Lupton, W. C. —20.	Winchester, Va.	Loudoun St., (Win.) P. E.	85	165												
		Gerardstown, V.		25												
		Bunker Hill, V.		15												
J. M. Harris, <i>Licentiate</i> —6.	Romney, W. Va.	Smithfield, V.		175												
William Stoddard,	Tennessee.	Moorefield, P. E.	30											20		
W. Johnston,	Berryville, Va.	Mount Hope, S. S.		20												
C. N. Campbell,	Charlestown, W. Va.	Piedmont, S. S.		20												
W. J. Warden,	Wardensville, W. Va.	North River, V.		20												
Henry Hardie,	Raleigh, N. C.	Concord, V.		10												
		Bloomery, V.		30												
		Winston, V.		10												
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			337	43	1915	54	51	603	\$91		\$190	\$85	\$3	\$233	\$6528	\$200

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 Adger, D. D., J. B., Columbia, S. C., 106.
 Alexander, Henry C., Charlotte C. H., Va., 114.
 Alexander, James C., Greensboro', N. C., 102.
 Alexander, J. H., Kosciusko, Miss., 90.
 Alexander, J. H., Quitman, Ga., 85.
 Alexander, S. C., Black River Chapel, N. C., 100.
 Allen, R. H., Nashville, Tenn., 96.
 Anderson, E., Summerfield, Ala., 78.
 Anderson, John, Jacksonport, Ark., 80.
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 Anderson, J. Monroe, Davidson College, N. C., 103.
 Anderson, Robert B., Yorkville, S. C., 98.
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 Archer, Stevenson, Greenville, Miss., 91.
 Armistead, D. D., Jesse S., Farmville, Va., 115.
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 Armstrong, D. D., G. D., Norfolk, Va., 109.
 Atkinson, C. M., Canton, Miss., 90.
 Atkinson, Joseph M., Raleigh, N. C., 102.
 Atkinson, D. D., J. M. P., Hampden Sidney, Va., 115.
 Axson, D. D., I. S. K., Savannah, Ga., 85.
 Axson, Samuel E., Rome, Ga., 83.
- Bachman, N., Rogersville, Tenn., 95.
 Bailey, J. S., Blairsville, S. C., 103.
 Bain, John R., Gallatin, Tenn., 96.
 Baird, D. D., E. T., Richmond, Va., (not reported.)
 Baird, James R., Yorkville, S. C., 103.
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 Baker, Archibald, Fernandina, Fla., 85.
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The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States met, according to appointment, in the First Presbyterian Church in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, on Thursday, the 21st day of November, 1867, at 11 o'clock, a. m., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. A. H. Kerr, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, on Psalm xlviii. 1 and 14: "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. For this God is our God forever and ever; he will be our guide even unto death."

After the sermon, the sessions of the Assembly were constituted with prayer.

The Permanent Clerk, from the Committee on Commissions, reported that the following commissioners had appeared, and been regularly enrolled as members of this General Assembly:

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16. <i>Tuscumbia,</i>		
17. <i>Western District,</i>	R. C. Garrison,	James M. Johnson.

* The figures appended to the names indicates on what day of the sessions the commissioners first appeared.

V. SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

18. <i>Central Mississippi</i> ,	W. T. Hall,	P. M. West,
19. <i>Louisiana</i> ,	J. E. C. Doremus, D. D.,	
20. <i>Mississippi</i> ,	Robert Price,	
21. <i>New Orleans</i> ,	T. R. Markham,	Joel Murray,
22. <i>Red River</i> ,	J. Franklin Ford,	
23. <i>Tombecbee</i> ,	J. A. Lyon, D. D.,	C. Bardwell.

VI. SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.

24. <i>Holston</i> ,	J. D. Tadlock,	R. P. Rhea,
25. <i>Knoxville</i> ,	James Park,	John P. Long,
26. <i>Nashville</i> ,	R. A. Lapsley, D. D.,	Charles Ready,
27. <i>North Alabama</i> ,	W. H. Vernor,	J. W. S. Frierson.

VII. SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

28. <i>Concord</i> ,	R. Hett Chapman, D. D.,	D. F. Summey,
	J. Rumble, (2)	J. M. Hutchison.
29. <i>Fayetteville</i> ,	M. McQueen, (3)	P. Murphy,
		J. C. Smith,
30. <i>Orange</i> ,	F. H. Johnston,	George Allen.

VIII. SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

31. <i>Bethel</i> ,	James E. White,	James Hemphill.
32. <i>Charleston</i> ,	John R. Dow,	
33. <i>Harmony</i> ,	D. C. Boggs,	James McRae,
	J. B. Mack,	G. W. Lee, (2)
34. <i>South Carolina</i> ,	E. T. Buist, D. D.,	John W. Simpson,
	W. H. Stratton,	John A. Leland.

IX. SYNOD OF TEXAS.

35. <i>Brazos</i> ,	J. R. Hutchison, D. D.,	
36. <i>Central Texas</i> ,		W. T. M. Dickson, (4)
37. <i>Eastern Texas</i> ,		
38. <i>Western Texas</i> ,		

X. SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

39. <i>Abingdon</i> ,	Benj. Gildersleeve,	I. A. T. Painter,
40. <i>East Hanover</i> ,	T. V. Moore, D. D.,	P. P. Batte,
	James Murray,	
41. <i>Greenbrier</i> ,	James H. Leps,	John Stuart,
42. <i>Lexington</i> ,	E. D. Junkin,	W. A. Bell,
	W. E. Baker,	
43. <i>Montgomery</i> ,	J. G. Shepperson,	James R. Holt,
44. <i>Patapsco</i> ,	J. A. Lefevre,	Thomas Dixon,
45. <i>Rappahannock</i> ,	Edward H. Cumpston,	G. M. Watkins,
46. <i>Roanoke</i> ,	B. W. Moseley,	
47. <i>West Hanover</i> ,	B. M. Smith, D. D.,	James P. Scott, (3)
48. <i>Winchester</i> ,	James G. Hanner, D. D.	

DELEGATES FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

From the Associate Reformed Synod of the South : Rev. D. Pressly.

From the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church : Rev. A. J. Baird, D. D.

From the Synod of Kentucky : J. T. Hendrick, D. D., John Matthews, D. D., Stuart Robinson, D. D., D. O. Davies, G. O. Barnes. Ruling Elders : Samuel Casseday, E. S. Edmonds, and Glass Marshall.

From the Synod of Missouri : Rev. A. P. Fornan.

The Assembly then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of the Rev. T. V. Moore, D. D., a commissioner from the Presbytery of East Hanover, as Moderator, and of the Rev. J. E. C. Doremus, D. D., a commissioner from the Presbytery of Louisiana, as Temporary Clerk.

A recess was taken until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

After recess, the Stated Clerk reported the following additional commissioners as having arrived and been regularly enrolled, viz.: From the Presbytery of Central Mississippi, P. M. West, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Chickasaw, G. G. Reneau, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Brazos, J. R. Hutchison, D. D., minister; from the Presbytery of Cherokee, T. E. Patton, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Western District, R. C. Garrison, minister, and James M. Johnson, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Rappahannock, Geo. M. Watkins, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Orange, George Allen, ruling elder.

The Stated Clerk also presented a memorial from the Presbytery of Patapsco, in the State of Maryland, composed of ministers and churches which had withdrawn from their connexion with the "General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America;" which memorial was read, and is as follows:

Whereas, 1. The ministers and churches of this Presbytery originally dissolved their former ecclesiastical connexion, because of the numerous and persistent violations of the Constitution of the Church by the highest court thereof; and

Whereas, 2. This separation was to continue as long as these violations of the Church's Constitution continued; and

Whereas, 3. There now remains no good ground of hope that the Church of our former connexion will soon return to the old ways—the divine Constitution of the Church, so faithfully set forth in the standards under which we were ordained, and which we solemnly vowed to uphold, and to which we always held ourselves bound; and

Whereas, 4. It was the direction of our churches and sessions to form other ecclesiastical connexions—whenever it became necessary from the perpetuation and establishment of the aforesaid violations—with all Presbyterians who uphold the Constitution of the Church in its purity; and

Whereas, 5. This Presbytery was formed in obedience to this direction of the churches and sessions; and

Whereas, 6. We hold it to be the imperative obligation of all God's people, according to the will of Christ, the sole King in Zion, to manifest the invisible unity of their faith in the unity of a visible Church, as far and as fast as it can be done consistently with the purity of the first, *the essential* unity of the Church of Christ; and

Whereas, 7. We believe that it is now high time to make visible our unity with all the Presbyterian people of God, further than is now done by our union in this Presbytery; and

Whereas, 8. We believe that the Presbyterian Church in the United States, whose General Assembly is to meet in the city of Nashville on the 21st day of November next, is the largest body of Christians in the land whose faith and government are identical with our own and pure according to the standards of the Church: Therefore

Resolved, 1. That the Presbytery of Patapsco appoint, at its present meeting, commissioners to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and order the said commissioners to ask the said Assembly to take Presbytery under its care and government, and to unite Presbytery

with such Synod under the Assembly's jurisdiction as may seem to the Assembly most beneficial to the Church of God in the world.

"*Resolved*, 2. That in seeking this ecclesiastical connexion with the afore-said Presbyterian Church, we solemnly declare that we are actuated by the one desire to unite with all Christians of like faith with ourselves, ignoring all sectional and political distinctions whatever.

"*Resolved*, 3. That we will greatly rejoice whenever the time shall come when an organic union of all Presbyterians in the land may be effected consistently with the purity of our standards."

Whereupon, it was resolved, on motion of the Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilson, that, in view of this memorial and the certified appointment of commissioners to this body, the said Presbytery of Patapsco be and the same is hereby received into regular connexion with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; that the commissioners appointed by it be and are hereby received as members of this body, and that the said Presbytery shall be and hereby is attached to the Synod of Virginia as a component part of it.

The Rev. J. A. Lefevre, minister, and Thomas Dixon, ruling elder, having been duly commissioned for that purpose, were then enrolled, and took their seats as members of the Assembly.

It was resolved to spend the last half hour of every morning session in devotional exercises; also, that, until otherwise ordered, the Assembly will meet daily at half-past 9 o'clock a. m., and adjourn at half-past 2 o'clock p. m.

It was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning to receive presbyterial reports and narratives.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half-past 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Chapman.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Lyon. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following additional commissioners appeared and were enrolled: From the Presbytery of Harmony, G. W. Lee, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Ouachita, Shelby Currie, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Concord, J. Rumble, minister; from the Presbytery of Chickasaw, F. Patton, minister.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

On Bills and Overtures. A. H. Kerr, D. D., B. M. Smith, D. D., J. R. Wilson, D. D., J. D. Tadlock, John Jones, J. A. Lefevre, J. A. Leland, John Stuart, P. M. West.

Judicial Committee. R. A. Lapsley, D. D., David H. Porter, E. D. Junkin, B. Gildersleeve, James Hemphill, P. P. Batte, E. L. Newton.

On Theological Seminaries. J. G. Hamner, D. D., Robert Price, S. E. Axson, James Murray, W. A. Bell, John W. Simpson, John P. Long.

On Sustentation. J. A. Lyon, D. D., W. H. Stratton, E. H. Cumpston, James Park, H. R. Raymond, G. G. Reueau, Thomas Dixon, R. P. Rhea, George W. Lee.

On Foreign Missions. B. M. Smith, D. D., W. J. McCormick, J. G. Shepperson, James E. White, J. Franklin Ford, William F. Fulton, A. G. Buford, James McRae.

On Publication. R. H. Chapman, D. D., James H. Leps, Joseph A. Dickson, Theodore E. Smith, George Allen, Charles Ready, J. R. Holt.

On Education. E. T. Buist, D. D., B. W. Moseley, W. T. Hall, W. H. Vernor, I. A. T. Painter, J. M. Hutchison, J. M. Johnson.

On Narrative. T. R. Markham, D. C. Boggs, F. McMurray, T. E. Patton, C. Bardwell.

On Foreign Correspondence. J. R. Hutchison, D. D., T. S. Winn, J. R. Mack, Joel Murray, P. Murphy.

On Leave of Absence. John R. Dow, E. C. Davidson, G. M. Watkins.

On Systematic Benevolence. T. R. Welch, F. H. Johnston, J. E. C. Doremus, D. D., R. C. Garrison, Langdon Ellis, J. W. S. Frierson, D. F. Summey.

On Devotional Exercises. W. E. Baker, David H. Porter, J. C. Smith.

Committees on Synodical Records:

Alabama. James E. White, E. C. Davidson, G. M. Watkins.

Arkansas. J. Rumble, Robert Price, John A. Leland.

Georgia. J. G. Shepperson, F. Patton, P. Murphy.

Memphis. James Murray, D. C. Boggs, P. M. West.

Mississippi. S. E. Axson, J. H. Leps, John W. Simpson.

Nashville. E. D. Junkin, R. C. Garrison, Langdon Ellis.

North Carolina. T. S. Winn, Theodore E. Smith, W. A. Bell.

South Carolina. B. Gildersleeve, W. J. McCormick, P. P. Batte.

Texas. W. H. Vernor, W. E. Baker, Joel Murray.

Virginia. James Park, W. H. Stratton, Ezra Stacy.

The Committee appointed by the last Assembly to confer with a similar Committee from the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in reference to an organic union with that body, presented a report, which was read; and the thanks of the Assembly were tendered to said committee for their diligent attention to the duties assigned them in this important trust. The report was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Messrs. B. M. Smith, D. D., J. R. Wilson, D. D., R. Hett Chapman, D. D., E. H. Cumpston, C. Ready, J. Hemphill, and G. W. Lee. The Rev. J. A. Lyon, D. D., a member of the Committee of Conference, having been prevented from meeting with it at the time appointed, addressed a letter to it, which was now read to the Assembly, and referred to the special Committee just named.

The Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilson announced to the Assembly that a delegation to this body from the Synod of Kentucky was present. Whereupon, it was resolved that this delegation be immediately introduced and heard. The following commissioners from that Synod then appeared, bearing a communication to the Assembly, viz.: Rev. J. T. Hendrick, D. D., Rev. J. D. Matthews, D. D., Rev. Stuart Robinson, D. D., Rev. D. O. Davies, Rev. G. O. Barnes, and ruling elders Samuel Casseday, E. S. Edmonds, and Glass Marshall.

The Rev. Stuart Robinson proceeded, in behalf of these commissioners, to address the General Assembly, presenting the views and purposes under which they had been delegated by their Synod.

At the close of this address, it was resolved that the subject presented, together with the communications handed in by the commissioners, be referred to a special Committee of nine. This Committee was appointed, to consist of the Rev. James A. Lyon, D. D., Rev. R. Hett Chapman, D. D., Rev. J. R. Wilson, D. D., Rev. John Jones, Rev. T. R. Markham, Rev. J. A. Lefevre, with ruling elders

P. P. Batte, James Hemphill, John A. Leland. It was also resolved that the commissioners from the Synod of Kentucky be requested to meet with this Committee for conference.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock, to receive the reports of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.

A letter was received from T. C. Perrin, Esq., signifying his wish to decline a reelection to the office he held as a Director of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, which letter was referred to the Committee on Theological Seminaries.

Certain overtures and memorials were presented on various subjects, which, being read by their titles, were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Reports from Presbyteries, in answer to the overture concerning the Book of Order sent down by the last General Assembly, were referred to a Committee, consisting of Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., R. A. Lapsley, D. D., J. G. Hamner, D. D., W. J. McCormick, John R. Dow, James E. White, and T. Dixon.

The matter of arranging for the inauguration of the Rev. Dr. Plumer as Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, was referred to the Committee on Theological Seminaries.

A letter was received from the Rev. James N. Carothers, alternate delegate to the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, stating the causes which had prevented his performing the duty assigned; which reasons the Assembly accepted as satisfactory.

The Assembly then proceeded to appoint the place and time of the meeting of the next General Assembly. Whereupon it was unanimously resolved that it shall be held in the Franklin Street Presbyterian Church, in the city of Baltimore, on the third Thursday in May, 1868, at 11 o'clock a. m.

In view of the change in the time of the meeting of the next Assembly, the Presbyteries were directed to send up to that Assembly only half-yearly reports.

After half an hour spent in devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator, the Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at half-past 9 o'clock. Closed with the apostolic benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. B. Gildersleeve.

The following additional commissioners were announced and enrolled: From the Presbytery of West Hanover, James P. Scott, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Florida, W. Letford, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, M. McQueen, minister.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported back Overture No. 1, from East Hanover Presbytery, and it was referred to the Committee on Systematic Benevolence.

A resolution having been adopted to hear the report of the Execu-

tive Committee of Education, the annual report of said Committee was read by the Secretary, Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D. He presented also the report of the Treasurer and the records of the Committee. All of these documents were referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

It was made the order of the day for Monday morning, at 11 o'clock, to hear the annual report of the Executive Committee of Publication.

The special Committee to which was referred the report of the Committee of Conference with a Committee of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in reference to an organic union between the two bodies, made a report, which was received, and was then unanimously adopted. This report is as follows:

The Committee to which was referred the report of the Committee of Conference with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, report, for adoption by the Assembly, the following minute:

The Assembly hereby records its devout acknowledgment to the great Head of the Church for the manifest tokens of his presence with the Committees of Conference during their deliberations, as evinced by the spirit of Christian candor, forbearance, and love, displayed by both parties in their entire proceedings.

The Assembly regards the object for which that Committee was appointed as one fully worthy of the earnest endeavors and continued prayers of God's people in both branches of the Church represented in the Committee. But at the same time, it is compelled, in view of the terms for effecting any organic union suggested by the Committee of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, to declare, that, regarding the present period as one very unfavorable for making changes in our standards of faith and practice, it is more especially so for effecting changes so materially modifying the system of doctrine which has for centuries been the distinguishing peculiarity and the eminent glory of the Presbyterian churches both of Europe and the United States.

Resolved, That the entire documents submitted to the Assembly by the Committee be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

The following report from the Committee on Bills and Overtures was received:

The Committee report Overture No. 2, being a request from the Presbytery of Memphis to have the Committee of Education again located at the city of Memphis, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Assembly cannot approve of the change desired.

It was made the order of the day for Monday morning, at 10 o'clock, to hear the Rev. D. Presley, the delegate from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South; and the order of the day for Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock, to hear the Rev. A. J. Baird, D. D., the delegate from the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Rev. Dr. J. Leighton Wilson presented the annual report of the Executive Committee of Sustentation; also, a code of by-laws adopted by the Committee; and also the report of the Treasurer, Rev. James Woodrow: all of which were referred to the Standing Committee on Sustentation.

Dr. Wilson presented also the annual report of the Executive

Committee of Foreign Missions; also the report of the Treasurer, Rev. James Woodrow; both of which were referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report, which was approved.

The Stated Clerk, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that in order to meet the expenses of the Assembly, they recommend the following schedule of assessments:

1. The following Presbyteries shall be assessed in the sum of twenty-five dollars each:

East Alabama, South Alabama, Augusta, Memphis, Central Mississippi, Mississippi, New Orleans, Concord, Fayetteville, Orange, Harmony, South Carolina, East Hanover, Lexington, Montgomery, Roanoke, West Hanover, Nashville, Atlanta.

2. The following Presbyteries shall be assessed in the sum of twenty dollars each:

Tuskaloosa, Tombeckbee, North Alabama, Bethel, Western District, Charleston, Greenbrier, Winchester, Macon, Abingdon, Patapasco, Louisiana.

3. The following Presbyteries shall be assessed ten dollars each:

Arkansas, Ouachita, Cherokee, Florida, Chickasaw, Savannah, North Mississippi, Tusculumbia, Holston, Red River, Rappahannock.

4. The following Presbyteries shall be assessed five dollars each:

Indian, Knoxville, Western Texas, Brazos, Central Texas, Eastern Texas.

The Committee likewise recommend that the published Minutes of the Assembly shall be furnished, by the Stated Clerk, to all who shall desire the same, for the sum of fifty cents, and to all stated clerks of Presbyteries, gratis.

Upon the recommendation of the Committees appointed, the records of the Synod of Georgia and of the Synod of Memphis were approved as far as written. The records of the Synods of Arkansas, Mississippi, and Texas, not being present, the Committees were discharged.

The Rev. Dr. Hamner, from the Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries, presented a report, which was adopted. The report is as follows:

The Committee on Theological Seminaries report to the Assembly, that they have examined the papers placed in their hands from the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C.

The reports of the Board of Directors and of the Faculty, and the accounts of the Treasurer, show that that institution has been in successful operation through the year; that the Rev. Dr. Plummer reached the Seminary on the 16th of January last, and commenced his duties on the following day; that the number of students in the institution is 21; that their progress in the acquisition of theological knowledge, and the tone of piety among them, are such as greatly to cheer and encourage the professors in their labors; that the advantages of that school of the prophets are many—in the refined society around it, in the healthfulness of its location, in its ready accessibility for students from every portion of our Church, and in its library of more than 18,000 well chosen volumes; and that there has been an addition of \$16,073.24 to the funds, as invested according to the report of last year.

It is very painful, however, to know that the expenses of the institution are pressing and hard to meet. The deficiency for the year closed is \$4,044.93. The prospective means and wants for the coming year will be still more urgent, unless that part of the Church more specially interested in its prosperous suc-

ness shall promptly redeem the pledges recently made, and God shall give it favor with the friends of sound and extended theological learning elsewhere.

The Committee recommend that the reports of the Board of Directors and of the Faculty, and the Treasurer's accounts, be published, as heretofore, in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Hon. T. C. Perrin having declined re-election as Director in the Seminary, the Committee recommend that the thanks of this Assembly be tendered him for his long and faithful services in this position; and nominate to the Assembly, to fill his vacated place, Gen. James Gillam.

They also recommend that the inauguration of Rev. Dr. Plumer, as Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology in said school, take place in this house on next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock; that the Moderator receive the professor's subscription to the Constitution; that Dr. James A. Lyon be appointed to deliver the charge to the professor; and that then the professor deliver his inaugural; the whole services to be interspersed with such devotional services as the Moderator may direct.

To this report the Committee append two resolutions for the adoption of the Assembly:

Resolved, 1. That the thanks of this General Assembly, and of all the churches whose interest it represents, are due to the great Head of the Church for his kind and gracious providential provisions to meet the varied wants and necessities of this institution; and that the experience of his faithfulness in times and trials past, commands our confident trust in him to provide for all her wants in all the future.

2. That this General Assembly earnestly repeats the recommendations of the Assembly of 1866, to the friends and patrons of the Seminary, to continue, and, if feasible, augment their contributions to sustain and bear it forward in active operation through the coming year.

They re-nominate for Directors of the Columbia Theological Seminary: Henry Muller, Columbia, S. C., *Treasurer*. Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., Rev. Wm. Banks, Rev. William Flinn, Rev. R. K. Porter, Rev. D. McQueen, Rev. A. F. Dickson, Gen. James Gillam, Mr. J. A. Ansley, and Dr. J. W. Simpson.

No papers from the Union Seminary have been placed in the hands of your Committee.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 3, being a response to an overture from the Synod of South Carolina, in regard to appointing a day of fasting and prayer. The following resolution, recommended by the Committee, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Assembly recommend the 24th day of January, 1868, as a day of fasting and prayer, and urge upon all our churches, in view of the extraordinary distress of God's people in this land, to observe said day by suitable religious exercises.

The hour for the order of the day for hearing the report of the Executive Committee of Publication having been reconsidered, the Rev. Dr. E. T. Baird, Secretary of Publication, read the annual report, together with the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Charles Genet; both of which, together with the records of the Committee, were referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

The Rev. Dr. Smith, from the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, presented a report, which was received, and was under consideration until the hour for devotional exercises arrived.

After a season spent in worship, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Plumer, the Assembly adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at half-past 9 o'clock. Closed with the apostolic benediction.

MONDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. E. H. Cumpston. The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

Mr. W. T. M. Dickson, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Central Texas, was reported and enrolled.

The consideration of the unfinished business was resumed, being the report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions. This report, being amended, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, to which was referred the report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, present for adoption by the Assembly the following minute:

Resolved, 1. That the Assembly approves the diligence of the Executive Committee, and directs the publication of the annual report in pamphlet form.

2. That it is earnestly commended to the churches to observe a monthly season of special prayer for the divine blessing on this enterprise of extending the gospel in foreign lands, and some time during the first Sabbath of each month is deemed most suitable for such season of concerted prayer.

3. That besides the annual and special contributions for the support of foreign missionary effort, directed to be observed in the General Assembly's plan of systematic benevolence heretofore adopted, our churches are also invited to take up a collection on the occasion of the monthly concert.

4. That this Assembly cordially recommends the suggestions of the Executive Committee that the interest and benefactions of our Sabbath School children should be enlisted in this cause.

5. That the Committee be authorized to publish a monthly missionary paper for gratuitous circulation to ministers and Sabbath-school superintendents.

6. That the Assembly will hold an evening session on Monday next, commencing at 7 o'clock, at which time the interests of the foreign missionary enterprise shall be the special topics of discussion.

7. That our ministers be hereby enjoined to give their people special instructions on the duties and privileges of active participation in the work of extending the gospel throughout the world.

8. That the Executive Committee heretofore in office be continued till the next meeting of the Assembly.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Rev. D. Pressly, the delegate from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, was introduced, and proceeded to address the General Assembly, presenting interesting statements concerning the Church he represented, and bearing with him to this body their cordial salutations. To these fraternal sentiments, the Moderator made a suitable response.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 4, being a memorial from the Synod of Georgia as to the propriety of establishing a correspondence with the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The following answer was recommended by the Committee, and adopted by the Assembly:

Resolved, That, in view of the fact that the Methodist General Conference meets so much less frequently than our Assembly, such correspondence could not conveniently be conducted with any special advantages greater than what are already possessed by occasional ministerial intercourse, and the intercommunion of our people.

They reported also Overture No. 5, respecting a South-western

Theological Seminary, which was made the second order of the day for to-morrow morning.

They also reported that the overture from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, in regard to a change in the time of the meeting of the Assembly, did not require an answer, since the change desired has been already effected. This report was adopted.

Also, Overture No. 6, being the dissent of certain members of the Synod of Mississippi from the action of said Synod ordering one of its Presbyteries to meet without specifying the object for which it was to be convened. It was recommended that the Assembly approve of this dissent. The report was adopted.

A letter was received from Rev. Dr. T. E. Peck, giving reasons for not having presented a report upon the subject assigned to himself and others by the General Assembly, which were accepted as satisfactory, and the Committee was discharged.

It was made the order of the day for Wednesday morning, at 11 a. m., to hear the Rev. A. P. Forman and any other delegates from the Synod of Missouri who might be present, concerning the object of their mission.

A letter concerning the family of a deceased minister in Georgia, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Upon the recommendation of the respective committees of review, the records of the Synod of Nashville, of the Synod of North Carolina, and of the Synod of South Carolina, were approved as far as written.

The records of the Synod of Virginia were approved as far as written, with certain exceptions.

The Rev. T. R. Welch, from the Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence, presented a report, which was received, and was made the third order of the day for to-morrow.

An overture from the Rev. Dr. J. J. Bullock and others, in regard to the removal of the Committee of Publication to the city of Baltimore, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported, through the chairman, Dr. Smith, Overtures No. 7 and 8. After the reception of this report, prayer was offered by the Rev. J. B. Mack for the guidance of the Divine Spirit in the Assembly's deliberations upon this matter. The report was then ordered to be printed for the use of the Assembly, and after a few remarks by members, was recommitted to the Committee, in accordance with their request, for further deliberation.

An overture concerning a readjustment of the boundaries of the Synod of Arkansas was received and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

After devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. John S. Wilson, D. D., of Georgia, the Assembly adjourned to meet this evening, at 7 o'clock. Closed with the apostolic benediction.

MONDAY, 7 o'clock p. m.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. A. Lefevre.

It being the order of the day to hold services appropriate to the subject of Foreign Missions, the Moderator, upon the suggestion of members of the Assembly, invited brethren present who were not members to participate in the discussion of the evening.

A resolution was offered by Dr. B. M. Smith, which, after addresses by various members and other brethren present, was laid upon the table; and, in its stead, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the work of extending the gospel through all the world is the great work for which the Church has been instituted by her great Head, and to which all other parts of its work are subordinate, the Committee of Foreign Missions be directed to press the enterprise intrusted to it with renewed energy and effort; assured that the means both of men and of money will be adequately supplied, in the all-wise providence of God, in proportion to the liberal method devised by the Church.

A collection for Foreign Missions having been taken up, the Assembly then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at half-past 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. G. O. Barnes.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. Rumble. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A letter was received from the Rev. T. D. Witherspoon, containing his report as the delegate of the Assembly to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. It represents the reception extended by that body as most cordial and gratifying. This report was received as satisfactory, and the diligence of the delegate was approved.

The Rev. B. Gildersleeve offered a resolution concerning the SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW, which was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The order of the day was taken up, and the Rev. Dr. A. J. Baird, the delegate from the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, addressed the Assembly, presenting the cordial salutations of his Church, and interesting information concerning its operations and progress.

To this address the Moderator made a fraternal response.

The second order of the day, viz., the consideration of Overture No. 5, was then taken up, and after discussion, the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was adopted. The report is as follows:

Resolved, That the General Assembly decidedly adopts the views of the Presbytery of North Alabama, that it is inexpedient to take measures for establishing a third theological seminary.

It was made the fourth order of the day to receive the report of the special Committee to which was referred the communication presented by the delegates from the Synod of Kentucky.

The third order of the day was taken up, namely, the report of the Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence. This report, as amended and adopted, is as follows :

The Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence deem it an important and encouraging fact that eleven Presbyteries have sent reports to the General Assembly on this subject. While this number is far below what it ought to be, yet it is far in advance of what was done last year, when only one report was presented.

We have reason to believe, from information derived from other sources, that most of our Presbyteries, although not reporting, have actually carried the Assembly's plan into successful operation, and have contributed to the various objects of benevolence, and that wherever there has been a failure, the fault lies at the door of our church officers, and not with the people. We fully believe that when our ministers, elders, and deacons, will heartily and earnestly do their duty in instructing the people in the grace of giving, there will be no lack of funds to carry on successfully all the benevolent operations of the Church. The great doctrine, that giving is an act of worship and a means of grace, pregnant with the interests of the whole Church, has taken a deeper and stronger hold upon the hearts of God's people, and some of the blessed fruits of it will appear in the following statement of the reports we have examined :

The Presbytery of Concord reports that fifty out of seventy-two churches have contributed to one or more of the various objects of benevolence: twenty-four churches contributed to Foreign Missions; forty-four to Domestic Missions; nineteen to Sustentation; twenty-two to Education, and twenty-two to Publication. The full amount contributed, \$2,805.

The Presbytery of Orange reports forty-nine churches, eighteen of which have contributed to the various benevolent operations of the Church the sum of \$1,686.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville, without giving the number of contributing churches, reports the amount given as \$1,445.

The Presbytery of Greenbrier reports that eight churches have contributed to Sustentation, Foreign Missions, Publication, and Education; one to Foreign Missions, alone, and five to Sustentation alone. The amount contributed is not reported.

The Presbytery of Lexington reports that fourteen churches have contributed to Domestic Missions; seventeen to Foreign Missions; fourteen to Sustentation; ten to Education, and thirteen to Publication. The full amount given is \$4,206.

Montgomery Presbytery reports twenty-six churches, and of this number eleven contributed to Domestic Missions; twelve to Foreign Missions; ten to Sustentation; eight to Education, and eleven to Publication. The whole amount given is \$2,073.

The Presbytery of Georgia reports that it consists of nine churches, five of which have contributed to the various objects of benevolence; the remaining four have not as yet been "reconstructed" to working order. The full amount contributed is \$550.

The Presbytery of Nashville reports the adoption of the Assembly's plan of Systematic Benevolence; and that fifteen out of seventeen churches contributed to one or more of the objects of benevolence; thirteen contributed to Domestic Missions; four to Sustentation; five to Education, and five to Publication. The full amount contributed is \$10,336.

The Presbytery of Tuscaloosa reports twenty-eight churches; of these, eight have contributed to Foreign Missions; nine to Domestic Missions; five to Publication, and twelve to Education. The amount contributed is not stated.

The Presbytery of Arkansas reports twenty-three churches, thirteen of which

have contributed to Sustentation, eight to Foreign Missions, and four to Publication. The amount contributed is \$1,000.

Indian Presbytery reports that seven churches have contributed to Sustentation; six to Foreign Missions; two to Publication; and one to Education. Full amount contributed is \$152.

The Committee have also had under consideration the overture from East Hanover Presbytery, on the subject of a pastoral letter to the churches on the great subject of frequent giving, and are deeply impressed with a sense of its vital importance to our Church at this time, and recommend the following resolutions for the action of the General Assembly:

Resolved, 1. That all our ministers, elders, and deacons, be earnestly requested, for our Lord's sake, to give to every member of all their churches the opportunity to contribute something for the glory of God, and especially instructing them in their duty to contribute to all the various objects ordered by the General Assembly; requiring them to take up their annual collections in accordance with the following plan: For Sustentation, on the 1st Sabbath in January; For Publication, on the 1st Sabbath in March; For Foreign Missions, on the 1st Sabbath in May; For Education, on the 1st Sabbath in November; or as soon thereafter as convenient. The Assembly's Secretaries are requested to bring these objects before the churches at the times above mentioned, in the way that may seem most desirable to them.

2. That we earnestly recommend all our churches to see that weekly collections are taken up according to the divine injunction, believing that the piety and usefulness of our beloved Zion will be thereby greatly promoted; and that the money thus raised be appropriated to the objects of benevolence according to the wishes of the session of the church.

3. That it is desirable for this General Assembly to address a pastoral letter to the churches on the subject of frequent giving, and that the Assembly's Secretaries of Sustentation and Publication be requested to prepare said letter.

THOS. R. WELCH, *Chairman*.

The fourth order of the day was taken up, viz., the report of the Committee on the letter from the Synod of Kentucky; which was under consideration till suspended by the devotional exercises, which were conducted by the Rev. Stuart Robinson.

The Assembly adjourned to meet to-night at 7 o'clock. Closed with the apostolic benediction.

TUESDAY, 7 o'clock p. m.

The Assembly met, and was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer, under the direction of the Moderator.

The order of the day was taken up, viz., the inauguration of the Rev. William S. Plumer, D. D., as Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Theological Seminary at Columbia.

The pledge required by the Constitution of the Seminary having been signed by the Professor, a charge was addressed to him, in the name of the Assembly, by the Rev. James A. Lyon, D. D.

Dr. Plumer then delivered an inaugural address appropriate to the occasion; after which the Moderator declared him duly inaugurated as Professor in the Seminary aforesaid.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half-past 9 o'clock. Closed with the apostolic benediction.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. James Murray. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Buist, from the Standing Committee on Education, presented a report. The report was received. Part of the resolutions were adopted, and the remainder were placed upon the docket.

The report of the Standing Committee on Publication was made the second order for to-day.

The Rev. Dr. Lyon, from the Standing Committee on Sustentation, made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee to which was referred the report of the Assembly's Executive Committee of Sustentation, beg leave respectfully to submit the following resolutions for adoption by the Assembly, viz. :

Resolved, 1. That the Assembly commend the faithful and energetic manner in which their Committee of Sustentation have, during a year of unparalleled depression and embarrassment, discharged their arduous and responsible duties.

2. That the Assembly tender their sincere thanks to those kind and considerate friends in Baltimore, and also to our generous brethren of Kentucky, for the liberal and timely aid given us in carrying on the work of Sustentation in our great and destitute field.

3. That the Assembly approve of the rules and by-laws which the Committee have adopted to govern them in the prosecution of their work.

The Committee nominate for the Executive Committee of Sustentation for the ensuing year, the following persons, viz. : Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., *Secretary*, Rev. Prof. James Woodrow, *Treasurer*, Rev. Drs. George Howe, J. B. Adger, Joseph R. Wilson, A. W. Miller, J. L. Girardeau, Rev. Wm. E. Boggs, Henry Muller, Esq., Gen. F. W. McMaster, Dr. E. Nye Hutchison.

The unfinished business, viz., the report of the Committee concerning the letter from the Synod of Kentucky, was taken up, and the members of the delegation from that Synod were invited to participate in the discussion. This subject was held under the consideration of the Assembly till the order of the day was taken up; when the Rev. A. P. Forman, the delegate from the Synod of Missouri, addressed the house, assuring the Assembly of the most cordial sympathy of that venerable Synod, and bearing testimony to their sincere wishes for our prosperity. To this address the Moderator made a suitable reply.

The subject presented by the delegate from Missouri was referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. B. M. Smith, D. D., Rev. John Jones, and J. A. Leland, to bring in a proper minute for adoption by the Assembly.

The second order of the day was taken up, when the Rev. Dr. Chapman, from the Standing Committee on Publication, presented a report, which was received, and placed upon the docket.

The unfinished business was taken up, and the paper reported by the Committee concerning the Synod of Kentucky was unanimously adopted. After its adoption, deeply interesting addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Stuart Robinson, Rev. Dr. J. D. Matthews, Rev. G. O. Barnes, and Rev. D. O. Davies; to which the Moderator made a suitable response. At the close of these addresses, the Rev. G. O. Barnes, at the request of the Moderator, led the Assembly in thanksgiving to God for the happy result which had been reached; and then all present arose and sang the hymn,

“Blest be the tie that binds,” etc.

The report adopted by the Assembly is as follows :

The Committee to which was referred the Letter of the Synod of Kentucky, having given it a careful consideration, beg leave to submit the following report :

The letter contains a statement of the doctrines and principles for which this Synod and its Presbyteries have been contending for the last seven years, and lays this statement before the General Assembly as the basis of a covenant upon which this Synod may form an organic union with us. It is, of course, not desired by this Synod that this paper should constitute any part of our doctrinal symbols or our written constitution, these being already established in such a form as the Assembly have, in other cases of union, either formed or proposed, distinctly declared its unwillingness to disturb. Nor is it desired, we presume, by the Synod, that the Assembly should enter into the controversies that have disturbed this body during the past seven years, or pronounce upon them in detail. The desire of the Synod, as we apprehend it, is the very natural and proper desire—to be assured that we are in such substantial agreement with them in the principles and doctrines for which they have been contending, that they will not be likely to have a recurrence of the difficulties from which they have already suffered so much. This agreement the Assembly can declare without any difficulty, since the whole existence of our Church as a separate organisation has been an assertion of these principles, and a protest against those acts and doctrines that tend to subvert them. In the first official announcement, at Augusta, of our ecclesiastical existence, in the pastoral letter issued by the Assembly at Macon, and in the action of the last Assembly at Memphis, these great principles have been declared in the most solemn and emphatic manner, as among the fundamental principles of our ecclesiastical organisation. And we have looked on the struggles of our brethren in Kentucky with a deeper sympathy and a livelier interest because we felt that they were contending substantially for the grand principles which have ever been the rallying cry of our Presbyterian ancestry in the best days of the Church's history—the supremacy of Christ's Crown and Covenant. And we are sure that should our brethren see fit to enter into organic relations with us, they will find that substantial agreement in all these great doctrines and principles which is necessary to a cordial and a happy union. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz. :

Resolved, 1. That this Assembly express its deep sympathy with our brethren in Kentucky in the troubles through which they have been passing during the last seven years, and its admiration of the firm stand which they have taken for the spiritual independence of the Church of Christ.

2. That this General Assembly declines now, as heretofore, to make any utterance concerning the acts of the body against which the Synod protests. Yet the Assembly feels free solemnly to assure the Synod of Kentucky not only of our cordial approval of, and sincere concurrence substantially in, the Synod's statement of doctrine and constitutional principles, as contained under the four heads of the third division of their letter, but of our sincere joy to find our brethren of Kentucky so ready to unite with us in solemn covenant, with a view, among other things, to the advancement and maintenance of these doctrines and principles as against the apparent Erastian tendencies of our American Protestantism.

3. That the Letter of the Synod of Kentucky be admitted to record, as they suggest, as a part of the historical acts and monuments of the Church, by publishing it in the Appendix to the Minutes of this Assembly.

4. That this Assembly cordially approves of the determination of the Synod of Kentucky, as expressed in the fourth resolution of its minutes of June 28th, 1867, communicated by its commissioners to this Assembly, to assert fully all its legal claims as a part of the "Presbyterian Church in the United States of America," and to reserve all its legal rights of property as a Synod in any union which may be formed with this body.

5. That this Assembly assures the Synod of Kentucky of a cordial

welcome. And its Standing Committee on Commissions is hereby instructed to receive and enroll, without further order, commissioners properly accredited from the Presbyteries of Ebenezer, Louisville, Muhlenburg, Paducah, Transylvania, and West Lexington.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures again made a report in relation to the duty of the Church to the negro population, which, after some discussion, was unanimously adopted. The report is as follows:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures report Overture No. 7, from the Synod of Virginia, proposing a revocation of the acts of the last Assembly on the relation of our Church to the colored people, and Overture No. 8, from the Presbytery of Mississippi, proposing such a modification of said action "as shall authorise the Presbyteries, in the exercise of their discretion, to ordain to the gospel ministry, and to organise into separate congregations, duly qualified persons of the colored race, and so declare that mere race or color is not regarded as a bar to office or privilege in the Presbyterian Church in the United States." Your Committee report the following minute:

Resolved, 1. That believing the resolutions of the last Assembly, pp. 35 and 36, were evidently designed to be of temporary operation, and that they contain many clauses which do not adequately express the sentiments of our Church on the subject contemplated, they be and are hereby revoked.

2. That inasmuch as, according to our Constitution, the duty of admitting candidates to the office of the gospel ministry devolves solely on the Presbyteries, and that of electing elders and deacons solely on the congregations, all male persons of proper qualifications for such offices, of whatever race, color, or civil condition, must be admitted or elected by these authorities respectively, in accordance with the principles of our Church government and in the exercise of a sound Christian discretion.

3. That the Assembly declines, on the ground of constitutional incompetency, to make any declaration respecting the future ecclesiastical organisations of such freedmen as may belong to our communion, believing that the responsibility, as well as the course to be pursued, devolves on those persons, who are both politically and ecclesiastically free, as all others, to serve God according to the dictates of their own consciences.

4. The Assembly earnestly enjoins on all our ministers and people to use all diligence in affectionate and discreet efforts for the spiritual benefit of the colored race within reach of their private and public ministrations, and to seek, by all lawful means, to introduce them into a permanent connexion with our Church; and for this purpose, the Assembly recognises the lawfulness of measures such as have long been used, in various portions of our Church, contemplating the judicious selection and employment of the more pious and intelligent persons among colored communicants in suitable official capacities for the spiritual benefit of their own race.

The Committee to review the records of the Synod of Alabama reported, recommending their approval as far as written. The report was adopted.

After devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. A. P. Forman, of Missouri, the Assembly adjourned to meet this evening, at 7 o'clock. Closed with the apostolic benediction.

WEDNESDAY, 7 o'clock p. m.

The Assembly met, and was opened with singing and prayer.

Interesting addresses were made upon the subject of Sustentation.

To-morrow being appointed by the President of the United States as a day of public thanksgiving, it was resolved to spend an hour,

viz., from 11 to 12 o'clock, in appropriate services, and that this shall take the place of the usual devotional exercises.

The Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at half-past 9 o'clock. Closed with the apostolic benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. W. H. Stratton. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A letter was received from the Rev. Dr. M. D. Hoge, assigning satisfactory reasons why the commission appointed by the last Assembly to visit various Churches in Europe had not fulfilled the mission; and the commission was discharged.

The subject of employing annually a reporter, having been referred by the last Assembly to this, it was resolved that such a measure is inexpedient.

The order of the day was taken up, viz., the report of the Standing Committee on Publication, which, being amended, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee, to which was referred the annual report of the Executive Committee of Publication, would respectfully report that they have had the same, with the accompanying papers, under consideration. This important agency of the Church of God is growing in might, and advancing in power and in usefulness to the Church and to the world. We should truly, deeply, thank the Lord, and take courage—should gird ourselves afresh, and go forth to the great work of disseminating to the Church, and to the waste places of Zion, where the voice of the living preacher is rarely heard, and to the wide world, a godly and a sanctified literature, whispering of heaven and instructing souls in the great truths of salvation. These are the streams which, under the favor of Zion's King, shall make the wilderness to bud and blossom; and these are the means and influences, which, under the Holy Spirit's power, shall extend Messiah's reign, and make glad the city of our God.

The Committee would respectfully offer to the General Assembly the following resolutions for their consideration and adoption:

1. The General Assembly rejoices in the prosperity of this enterprise of the Church, approves the diligence of the Executive Committee, and directs the publication of its annual report in pamphlet form, to be sent in connexion with its catalogue of books to all our pastors and churches.

2. That this Assembly records with devout gratitude to Almighty God, his great goodness to us, in enabling us in our poverty and crippled estate, to do so much, with means so limited, in advancing this great interest.

3. That we rejoice in the prospect of the increased efficiency of this enterprise of the Church, and commend it afresh to pastors, churches, and Presbyteries, enjoining it upon them to take order on its claims, and to give their most earnest aid in the furtherance of its objects.

4. That the *Children's Friend*, either in its monthly or semi-monthly issue, be commended to our churches and Sabbath-schools, and that pastors and church sessions be directed to take measures to secure the enlargement of its circulation.

5. The General Assembly remarks with pleasure and approves the appropriations made in behalf of our colored people, and directs the Executive Committee to further and greater effort in that direction.

6. That the question of publishing a monthly paper by the Committee, to serve as an organ of communication between the Executive Committees and the churches, be referred to the Executive Committees, to report to the next General Assembly.

7. That the Presbyteries be cautioned in the matter of their choice of book-

agents or colporteurs, and that the Executive Committee be authorised to withdraw the commission of an unsuitable agent, after conference with the Presbyterial Committee of Publication.

8. That the overture sent up by the Rev. Dr. Bullock, proposing to remove the seat of operations of the Executive Committee from the city of Richmond to the city of Baltimore, be favorably received; that it be commended to the prayerful consideration of the Executive Committee at Richmond, and that they be directed and authorised to remove the seat of said Committee's operations from Richmond to Baltimore as soon as shall be consistent with the interests involved and the general welfare of the enterprise.

9. That this Assembly appoint as their Executive Committee of Publication: The Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., *Secretary*, C. Gennet, *Treasurer*, Rev. Messrs. T. V. Moore, D. D., M. D. Hoge, D. D., C. H. Read, D. D., Wm. Brown, D. D., P. B. Price, Wm. F. Taylor, Esq., E. H. Fitzhugh, Esq., J. M. Herndon, Esq., and B. R. Wellford, Esq.

10. That in case the Committee of Publication should be removed to Baltimore, the following persons are appointed: Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., *Secretary*, Prof. W. L. Baird, *Treasurer*, Rev. J. J. Bullock, D. D., Rev. John Leyburn, D. D., Rev. J. A. Lefevre, Hon. W. F. Giles, George M. Gill, Esq., John L. Weeks, Esq., and G. F. Anderson, Esq.

The report of the Standing Committee on Education was taken up, and the remainder of the report was adopted. The following is the whole paper as adopted:

The Standing Committee on Education respectfully report that they have examined and considered all the documents placed in their hands from the Executive Committee of Education; that they find them in order; that this Committee appear to have used all due diligence in their work; and considering the unpropitious circumstances in which they have been placed, have accomplished a great deal. There seems to be a large and widening field before them, and the Church should be up and doing to enable them to accomplish their great work.

The Presbyteries have generally approved the Assembly's plan of operation, and co-operated with the Committee, and it is hoped that soon all will unite in this plan. It seems to combine energy and efficiency with proper checks and balances.

The Executive Committee of Education address the Assembly several queries asking for instruction. This Committee think such matters must generally be decided by the Committee, as they possess all the facts in the case, but subject to the review of the Assembly. But as far as they have informed us of their action and views in the several cases, we approve them.

We recommend the adoption by the Assembly of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That this Assembly regard the education of the sons of the Church for the gospel ministry as a great and glorious work, and that they commend it to the consideration and prayers of all our churches.

2. That the Assembly highly approve the diligence and faithfulness of the Executive Committee of Education during the past year.

3. That this Assembly will meet at 7 o'clock p. m., in this church, on Thursday next, to consider the subject of the education of candidates for the gospel ministry.

4. That this Assembly appoint as its Executive Committee of Education, the Rev. E. Thompson Baird, D. D., *Secretary*, Charles Gennet, Esq., *Treasurer*, Rev. Drs. T. V. Moore, M. D. Hoge, C. H. Read, Wm. Brown, Rev. P. B. Price, Wm. F. Taylor, Esq., E. H. Fitzhugh, Esq., J. M. Herndon, Esq., and B. R. Wellford, Esq.

5. That in case the Committee of Publication should be removed to Baltimore, that the Committee of Education should be removed at the same time and to the same place, and the following persons should be appointed to fill vacancies: Rev. Drs. J. G. Hamner, S. H. Higgins, Rev. Peyton Harrison,

J. Harmon Brown, *Treasurer*, Gustavus Ober, Thos. Dixon; Patrick Gibson, and J. E. Trippe.

On motion of the Rev. J. Rumple, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee of Publication be directed to print and keep on hand for sale blank forms for sessional and presbyterial statistical reports, reports on systematic benevolence, blank commissions to the General Assembly, and such other blank forms as may be required by clerks of sessions and presbyteries.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures report Overture No. 9, from the commissioners from the Presbyteries of Arkansas and Ouachita, asking for the formation of a new Presbytery, in view of the difficulty of now securing a meeting of Synod, owing to the small number and remote locality of one of the Presbyteries (Indian) comprised in the Synod of Arkansas.

Resolved, That this Assembly is constitutionally incompetent to grant this request.

Also, Overture No. 10, being a letter from the Rev. J. T. Pollock, asking aid from the Assembly for the family of a minister of this Church recently deceased. The Committee recommend the following minute:

Inasmuch as this Assembly has control of no funds for the purpose proposed, and this request cannot at once be granted, yet the Assembly appreciates the importance not only of this special case, but of all such as it represents:

Resolved, 1. That the Committee of Sustentation be authorised to appropriate five per cent. of all contributions to its object to the relief of destitute widows and children of ministers, and to indigent ministers in infirm health; provided no such per cent. be appropriated from the contributions of any church or person prohibiting such appropriation; and provided, further, that this plan of operation shall not continue longer than the meeting of the Assembly for the year 1869.

2. That this present application be referred to the Committee of Sustentation, who are hereby charged in the exercise of due diligence and discretion with the duty of considering and issuing it and all others of like character.

Also, Overture No. 11, from the Presbytery of East Alabama, requesting explanations of the action of the last Assembly respecting the service of elders in vacant congregations. Your Committee recommend the following minute:

Resolved, That the action of the last Assembly, on pp. 36 and 37 of the Minutes, is hereby re-affirmed, and the parts relating to the services of elders explained to mean, substantially, that, in accordance with our Constitution, when a vacant congregation does not enjoy the services of any elder, who for any proper reason is competent to perform the duties contemplated, it shall be the duty of the Presbytery to appoint an elder or elders from some neighboring congregation; provided nothing herein contained shall be regarded as justifying any Presbytery in extending its jurisdiction within the bounds of another.

Also, Overture No. 12, from the Rev. B. Gildersleeve and others, proposing that the Assembly take appropriate action recommending the SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW to the confidence and patronage of our Church. The Committee report the following minute:

Resolved, That while this Assembly, as ministers and elders, might cordially adopt the paper presented, yet, as an Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in its ecclesiastical character, it is not competent for us to enact anything concerning other matters than those which are strictly ecclesiastical.

An invitation having been received to visit the school of Mr. W.

E. Ward, in this city, the courtesy of this invitation was gratefully acknowledged.

The Committee to examine the reports of the Presbyteries concerning the Book of Order, made, through its Chairman, the Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilson, the following report, which was unanimously adopted :

The Committee appointed to examine the answers to the overtures sent down to the several Presbyteries by the last General Assembly, touching the "Form of Government," "Canons of Discipline," and "Rules of Parliamentary Order," and to recommend action to this Assembly with reference to the whole matter, beg leave to report as follows :

First. A careful examination of the answers to said overtures sent to the Assembly by forty of the Presbyteries, reveals the fact that *thirty-five* of these Presbyteries do answer all the overtures with an unconditional negative; that *four* of them answer with a conditional negative; whilst only *five* adopt the overture with reference to Rules of Parliamentary Order, and but *one* adopts the whole three absolutely.

Second. These answers nearly all reveal the fact that the Presbyteries are impressed with the importance of the labors that have been performed by the Assembly's Committee on Revision, and express their desire to have the result of these labors preserved.

Third. These answers also bring out the fact that there is a great diversity of opinion in the Presbyteries with respect to the changes proposed by the overtures; very few of them coinciding in the same objections or concurring in the same criticisms.

In view of these facts, your Committee submit to the General Assembly the following resolutions :

Resolved, 1. That, in the judgment of this Assembly, it is inexpedient to continue the Committee on Revision, or to appoint another at this time.

2. That the answers to the overtures be all carefully filed away, with the overtures themselves, for future reference and use.

3. That this Assembly feels that it is due to the Committee on Revision to express its sense of the value of their long-continued and laborious work, and to offer them its thanks for what they have done in their endeavor to set forth the great principles of the Constitution of our Church.

Adjourned to meet this evening, at 7 o'clock. Closed with prayer by Rev. W. H. Vernor.

THURSDAY, 7 o'clock p. m.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer by the Rev. D. H. Porter.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute in reply to the address of the representative of the Missouri Synod, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

This Assembly has heard with profound interest the communication made by the Rev. A. P. Forman, on behalf of the Synod of Missouri, and desires to place on record its high appreciation of the principles and conduct of that venerable Synod as set forth by Mr. Forman.

The Assembly expresses its deep sympathy for the brethren in Missouri, both officers and members of the Church, in the great fight of affliction, through which they have not yet fully passed, though it is hoped they have successfully encountered the greatest trials, to which the great Head of the Church has been pleased to call them.

The Assembly feels entire confidence in the full and cordial attachment of the ministers and members of the Presbyterian churches in Missouri, as represented in the Synod, for the principles of doctrine and church order set forth in the time-

honored standards of our Church; and is entirely persuaded, that should that Synod be prepared to form an organic union with this Church, no difficulties could arise owing to discrepancies of opinion on any fundamental or important doctrines of the gospel, or any theories of church government which find a practical expression in our standards.

As to the future relations of this Synod, the Assembly does not feel prepared to express any opinion, whatever it may desire. But it is due to us and to them to say that this Assembly cordially sympathises with the Synod of Missouri, as represented by Mr. Forman, in expressing a longing desire for the day when throughout our land all who agree with us in the great truths of the "Gospel of the grace of God," and especially who fully sympathise in our position as a truly simply spiritual body, ever testifying for the supreme and sole authority of the divine and exalted Head of the Church, shall constitute one organised Christian communion, prepared by the spiritual weapons of her warfare to contend earnestly "for the faith once delivered to the saints," and successful in "casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

The order of the day was taken up, and interesting addresses were made on the subject of theological education, when the following minute was adopted:

The Assembly would earnestly impress on the minds of all having in charge the government and instruction of our theological seminaries, the vital importance of training our future ministers, not only to be able and faithful ministers of the word of God, but also to be fully imbued with an implicit faith in the plenary and literal inspired authority of the sacred Scriptures.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at half-past 9 o'clock.
Closed with prayer by the Rev. Joseph A. Dickson.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer by the Rev. R. Price. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had been placed in their hands, and were discharged.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report, which was approved:

The Committee on Leave of Absence granted leave of absence to the following members of the Assembly, viz.: November 25—William Letford, elder from Florida Presbytery. November 26—G. M. Watkins, elder from Rappahannock Presbytery. November 27—Dr. J. W. S. Frierson, elder from North Alabama Presbytery; Rev. H. R. Raymond, from Presbytery of South Alabama. November 28—J. B. Long, elder from Knoxville Presbytery; J. M. Hutchison, elder from Concord Presbytery; Rev. F. McMurray, from East Alabama Presbytery; I. A. T. Painter, elder from Abingdon Presbytery; James Hemphill, elder from Bethel Presbytery; J. P. Scott, elder from West Hanover Presbytery; Dr. S. Currie, elder from Ouachita Presbytery; Geo. W. Lee, elder from Harmony Presbytery; J. McRae, elder from Harmony Presbytery; James R. Holt, elder from Montgomery Presbytery; Rev. Dr. J. E. C. Doremus, from Louisiana Presbytery.

The following paper, offered by the Rev. Dr. J. A. Lyon, was referred to the Presbyteries, with direction to report on the subject to the next General Assembly:

Whereas, The Presbyterian Church has at all times been distinguished for

the high degree of mental culture of its ministers and people, an honorable precedence which it will be commendable for us to try still to maintain : Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That in the judgment of this Assembly it comes clearly within the province of the organised Church of God to look after the mental as well as the moral culture of the people of God, with the view to their highest attainments in active and vital piety.

2. That, in view of this fact, this Assembly deems it of the utmost importance that the Church elevate its standard of learning and widens its domain in prosecuting the educational interests of the people over whom it exercises a controlling influence.

3. That the Assembly request the Presbyteries throughout the bounds of the Church to take this subject into consideration at their next regular meetings, and report their action to the next General Assembly.

The Rev. T. R. Markham read the Narrative of the State of Religion, which, being amended, was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

On motion, it was

Resolved, 1. That the General Assembly recommend the observance of the third and fourth Sabbaths of February as days of prayer for the youth gathered in the seminaries and colleges and schools of our land.

2. That all our ministers be requested to preach on the Sabbaths above mentioned upon the subject of Christian education, and to call upon all the members of our churches, by prayer and supplication, and by a diligent use of all the means of grace, to dedicate their sons to God for the work of the ministry.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted :

Resolved, 1. That this General Assembly tender their hearty thanks to the good people of Nashville for their kind, courteous, and abundant hospitalities, extended to us during our sojourn among them.

2. That this General Assembly return their hearty acknowledgments to the different railroad and steamboat companies who reduced their fare one-half in our favor.

3. That the thanks of this Assembly be and they are hereby tendered to the "*Union and Dispatch*" newspaper for the very accurate and well-digested reports of this Assembly which it has published during our sessions.

4. That the thanks of this Assembly are especially due and are hereby tendered to the Rev. Robert Morrison, of Louisville, Kentucky, and to W. L. Barre, the local editor of the *Union and Dispatch*, for the able and faithful manner in which their duties as reporters have been performed, and for their uniform courtesy and politeness to the members of this Assembly.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully offers the following report :

This Committee recommends that the Rev. T. R. English, principal, with the Rev. Henry R. Dickson as alternate, be appointed a delegate to bear the Christian salutations of this Assembly to the Associated Reformed Synod of the South at their next meeting, which is to be held at Winnsboro, S. C., on the third Monday in September, 1868.

The Committee also recommends the appointment of the Rev. A. H. Kerr, D. D., principal, with the Rev. R. F. Bunting, D. D., alternate, delegate with a like commission as the above, to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at its meeting to be held at Lincoln, Illinois, on the third Thursday of May, 1868.

The Committee on Reports of Presbyteries on Evangelistic Labors reported, which report was adopted, and is as follows :

Reports of fidelity in obeying the injunction of the last General Assembly on the subject of evangelists and the ordinances in vacant churches having been received from only a few of the Presbyteries ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the attention of the Presbyteries and Synods be recalled to the subject, and that they be ordered to report thereon to the next Assembly.

It was then resolved that this General Assembly be now dissolved ; and that another General Assembly, chosen in like manner, be required to convene in the city of Baltimore, in the Franklin Street Presbyterian Church, on the third Thursday of May, 1868, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The Assembly accordingly was dissolved, the sessions being closed with singing, prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

WILLIAM BROWN, PERMANENT CLERK.

JOSEPH R. WILSON, STATED CLERK.

APPENDIX.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES TO THE CHURCHES UNDER ITS CARE :

BELOVED BRETHREN :—"Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." We have examined and compared the narratives of thirty-seven Presbyteries with the following results.

The greater number of these narratives indicate an increased desire among the people for the ministrations of the word. Congregations are reported as large and growing, while vacant churches ask to be supplied, and in destitute communities the descendants of Presbyterians manifest by earnest calls a yearning after the Church of their fathers.

The Presbyteries also report weekly meetings for prayer as usual in their churches.

A general healthful interest is manifested in the religious instruction of children and youth in Sabbath-schools and Bible classes. One of the Presbyteries records that "the Bible, the Catechism, and the Child's Paper, are loved and studied by its youth," and another makes special and honorable mention of one school within its bounds containing more than six hundred children, in which, at a late gracious season, nine teachers and sixty-seven scholars made profession of faith in Christ. While these are especial and unusual instances, a widespread and increasing interest is evident in this department of the Church's work.

Grateful mention is also made of the zeal, fidelity, and efficiency of ministers in preaching the word, and in giving diligent attention to the pastoral oversight of their flocks; and ruling elders are reported as aroused to a higher sense of the grave trusts and duties of their sacred office.

The grace of giving grows in appreciation and observance among the churches. Weekly collections and the practice of systematic benevolence are establishing themselves as habits, and many churches, though poor and greatly straitened, are making "the depth of their poverty abound to the riches of their liberality." Our churches are learning "the power of the littles," and it may be mentioned in illustration, that a Sabbath-school in one of our Presbyteries is supporting, by its contributions, a day-school attended by seventy indigent children.

And, as his people thus use the means of grace, God answers. As they assemble to worship and pray, as they teach in these schools, as pastors and elders labor and rule, and the tithes are brought into his storehouses, he gives clear tokens of his favor. The windows of heaven open and blessings descend. Revivals are reported in one half of these Presbyteries in one or more churches, and in all of them a steady normal growth in many churches at their communion seasons. In one Presbytery ten churches averaged thirty additions, while another reports accessions greater than known for thirty years, with a continuous revival in one church during eighteen months. One narrative mentions that abounding grace brought to Christ a man eighty-four years old, "the sinner almost of an hundred years."

Added to such blessings a healthful, vigorous, active tone prevails in many churches, and a spirit of peace, harmony, and brotherly kindness pervades them all.

But other words than those of cheer come from the churches. Some Presbyteries and some churches in all the Presbyteries lament saying, "our leanness." Some narratives speak of "indifference, coldness, formality, worldly-mindedness, and covetousness," and even of spiritual dearth; and mention the prevalence in their communities of intemperance, profanity, Sabbath-breaking, and a spirit preferring gain to godliness. Many destitutions are reported, and in vacant churches spiritual life is declining from the lack of ordinances. In one Presbytery, covering from thirty to forty thousand square miles, there are but six or seven ministers. In many churches they who serve the altar do not live by it, but eke out a slender salary by other work; only one Presbytery reporting "salaries promptly paid." And the apprehension is expressed that some church members make poverty a plea, suffering their pastors to lack and faint for want of bread, thus forcing some of them from their charges, while they themselves are living without stint, beginning and ending their retrenchments at the house of God. Yet, blessed be God, our ministers mostly stand in their places, as those "called to the kingdom for such a time as this," and the fathers lead the young men in enduring hardness.

Candidates for the ministry are mentioned in but few Presbyteries, yet we learn from members of a Presbytery, reporting five, that in an institution in its bounds, now graciously revived, twenty-seven students have consecrated themselves to the Lord's work. Yet the anxious question burdening our hearts is, where, to-day, are the laborers for our white harvest.

The colored people, we regret to state, in many parts of our bounds, have heretofore manifested some reluctance to continue their attendance on the ministrations of our Church and have been since the war less accessible than formerly to our ministers; but we are happy to express a hope, grounded on many encouraging facts which have come to our knowledge, that these people may yet be induced again to place themselves within reach of the means of grace as conducted by our ministers and others authorised to instruct them.

Some narratives express the apprehension that *home* instruction and training are disused or undervalued, parents making Sabbath-schools a shield for their neglect; and as to family worship the narratives maintain a general silence. Record is also made of Presbyterian parents who send their children from the home-roof and the home-church, to schools whose teachers on principle and by obligation are proselyters, using skilfully insidious arts to draw away the hearts of sons, and especially of daughters, from the faith of their fathers.

In the year past the Lord has visited our land and people with sore chastenings. Floods have submerged the broad lands bordering the great river that cuts our territory in twain, and storms have desolated a long line of coast on the gulf shore of our largest State. Famine has looked in at the doors of thousands of our homes, pestilence has wasted our cities and towns, and voices of lamentation are lifted up throughout the land. Poverty sits brooding over her ills, and troubles domestic, social, and civil, utter prophetic sounds of woe.

Yet amid these trials the Church of God remains, and her preachers and people arise and quit themselves like men. Exercised by her grievous afflictions peaceable fruits of righteousness have appeared. Strengthening the things that remain, rebuilding her waste places, and repairing her desolations, her people have stood in their lot rooted and grounded in the faith. Maintaining and advancing the principles of a pure Presbyterianism, holding fast to the headship of Christ over all things to his Church, and inscribing on every fold of her banner, "for Christ's Crown and Covenant," she has witnessed and contended for the faith once delivered to the saints.

And God has blessed and enlarged her, bringing again to her embrace true churches and beloved brethren, parted from her for a little space, whose coming has lengthened her cords, and strengthened her stakes. And when she has cried to God, he has not turned away her prayer, nor his mercy from her. He has awaked his north wind and sent his south; they have blown upon the garden, and the spices thereof have flowed out. To his name be the praise.

T. V. MOORE, Moderator.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SUSTENTATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Executive Committee of Sustentation respectfully report that, immediately after the adjournment of the General Assembly, in November last, they met in Columbia, S. C., organised themselves as a Committee, and entered upon the work assigned them by that venerable body. Since that time, they have prosecuted the work with all possible diligence, and, as they believe, in strict accordance with the spirit and principles of the plan recommended by the Assembly. A circular was addressed to the churches, explaining the nature of that plan, and urging their co-operation; the chairmen of the various Presbyterian Committees of Missions were informed of the duties that had been laid upon them; and they were urged likewise to enter upon those duties at once; at the same time, very general information was given that the central Committee had entered upon its duties, and were ready to consider and act upon any properly endorsed applications that might be laid before it, whether they referred to aid for feeble churches, assistance in rebuilding church edifices, or to the support of missionaries and evangelists. It was not until the middle of the spring, however, that most of the Presbyteries could take action in relation to the plan of Sustentation recommended by the Assembly; but the Committee are happy to report that the great body of them have adopted it with much cordiality; and they have reason to believe that when it is better understood, and its practical working is more fully appreciated, it will be universally received by the churches and Presbyteries. Thirty-seven Presbyteries have already adopted it in full; six in part; one has not been heard from; and only one has adopted an entirely independent course, and this, it is understood, intends to reconsider its course, if it has not already done so.

As yet, there has not been time to test the full value of this general scheme. In many cases, the contributions of the churches were made before it was fully understood, and were probably much less than they would have been under a fuller appreciation of its great importance. The chairmen of many of the Presbyterian Committees did not feel free to enter upon the work until their Presbyteries had taken action, and they have consequently had but little time or opportunity to exert any direct or personal influence upon the churches. At the same time, the scarcity of money over large portions of the Southern country is almost without parallel. But, notwithstanding these and other hindering causes, there is abundant evidence that the plan is regarded with great favor, and is working out the most important results, not only in sustaining the churches in their present trying circumstances, but in laying the foundation for great energy and prosperity hereafter. The people of God are beginning to feel the power of the broader principles of benevolence involved in this scheme; a new and stronger impulse has been given to the cause of benevolence in our stronger and older churches, whilst the feebler and more remote have been aroused to new life by the sympathy manifested in their behalf. The Church at large is beginning to feel the obligations of Christian unity and common brotherhood, and nothing, with the favor of God, seems to be wanting to make this scheme a great and unspeakable blessing to our whole Church, but the earnest, hearty, and united co-operation of our ministers and church courts.

The receipts from all sources have been \$30,343.33. Of this amount, above \$7,000 have been received from Christian brethren in Baltimore and vicinity, and \$3,000 from sympathising friends in Kentucky. Lasting gratitude is due to these Christian friends for their continued liberal and most timely assistance; and especially would this Committee congratulate the Assembly in having on the present occasion the representatives of these Christian brethren in their own body. The whole amount contributed by the churches is \$18,256.77. This exceeds the amount contributed by the churches last year about fifty per cent. This is a very encouraging fact, especially when taken in connexion with the unparalleled destitution of the last winter and spring, and the unusual scarcity of money throughout the whole Southern country. It is probable that the contributions would have been more than double those of the previous year if

it had not been for these untoward influences. But a still more encouraging feature in the work is, that the number of contributing churches have more than doubled those of the previous year—being 450 for the present year to 217 for the last. This material improvement, both as to the number of churches that have contributed as well as the amount given, is undoubtedly to be ascribed to the healthful and invigorating influence of this general scheme of Sustentation, and calls for expressions of heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God on the part of all those who labor and pray for the welfare of our Southern Zion.

But, whilst great encouragement is to be drawn from the marked progress made in this good and great work, it is painful and humiliating in the extreme to remember that so large a proportion of our churches have contributed nothing at all to the general fund. A goodly number have no doubt contributed to local and presbyterial operations; but when the largest abatement is made on this score, it will still be found true, perhaps, that more than one-half of our 1,300 churches have contributed nothing at all to this or any of the general schemes of benevolence. This is a painful and humiliating fact, and calls for the serious consideration not only of the General Assembly, but of all the inferior church courts. It is not for the Committee to point out the causes of this sad delinquency. They would not refrain, however, from expressing the strong and decided conviction—a conviction founded upon the general and concurrent testimony of all the Presbyterial Committees throughout the Church—that the fault lies *mainly* at the door of ministers and church sessions, who, for one reason or another, fail to bring these claims to the attention of the congregations under their care. It may be well for the Assembly to consider the propriety of addressing a special communication to ministers and church sessions on this particular subject.

Four general objects or departments of labor are regarded as included in the general plan of Sustentation. 1. To aid feeble churches in the support of their pastors and supplies, and thus accomplish the two-fold object of maintaining the stated preaching of the gospel in all these churches, and at the same time secure a competent support for every laboring minister throughout the whole Church. This principle, if fully carried out as it should be, will place our Church, so far as the support of her ministry is concerned, on the same solid foundation with the Free Church of Scotland, but so as to avoid some of the evils inherently connected with their system, and at the same time be brought about by a process much more accordant with the genius of our people. 2. To aid in the support of missionaries and evangelists, wherever such aid is asked. 3. To assist in rebuilding or repairing church edifices, where the people have not the means of themselves to do it. 4. To assist missionary or ministerial laborers in getting from one field of labor to another, where they are without the means of doing this of themselves.

The first of these, at the beginning of the ecclesiastical year, was the most urgent, and the Committee always gave its claims the preference, so long as there was any doubt about its ability to satisfy all the demands that might be made against its treasury. The combined influence of war, drought, and unfriendly legislation, had reduced many portions of the Southern country to extreme distress, so that the great question with multitudes of our people was how they might procure the bare means of subsistence for themselves and their families. Under such circumstances, it became utterly impossible for many of our churches to maintain the preaching of the gospel; ministers would be compelled to betake themselves to school-keeping or other secular employments to obtain the means of support for their families, and hundreds of churches, in the meantime, would not only be left without the ordinances of the gospel, but would be in danger of losing their organisation as churches of the Lord Jesus. The first and great duty growing out of this state of things was not so much the establishment of new churches as the sustentation of those already established. The Committee made it one of their by-laws, therefore, always to give the preference to this class of claims. They are happy to report, however, that they have been enabled, by the divine blessing, not only to meet fully all the claims presented on behalf of feeble churches, but also to meet fully all the reasonable claims presented in behalf of all the other departments of the

missionary work. It is possible that some urgent and deserving claims may have been kept back from apprehensions of overtaking the central treasury; but, so far as the Committee are aware, every reasonable application has been granted, and, with two or three exceptions, to the full amount asked. Surely sentiments of profound gratitude ought to arise from every Christian heart to the great Head of the Church for such distinguished favor bestowed upon our afflicted churches.

The appropriations made by the Committee have not been restricted to any particular portion of the Church or section of the country, but have been diffused very generally over the whole surface. Thirty-seven Presbyteries have sought and obtained aid from the central treasury in sums varying from \$100 to \$2,500. In the Synod of Virginia, \$4,735 have been appropriated to aiding feeble churches, assisting in repairing church edifices, and in the support of missionaries and evangelists; in the Synod of North Carolina, \$2,300; in the Synod of South Carolina, \$1,125; in Georgia and Florida, \$6,120; in Alabama, \$2,220; in Mississippi and Louisiana, \$2,137; in the Synod of Memphis, \$1,500; in the Synod of Nashville, \$1,675; in the Synod of Arkansas, \$1,370; and in the Synod of Texas, \$1,950. 104 ministers have received aid, averaging about \$200 each. It is not known precisely how many churches are represented by these ministers, but it is supposed that they number at least 250. Twelve of the ministers just mentioned are regarded as missionaries or evangelists, and appropriations have been made for them accordingly. Seventeen congregations have received assistance in rebuilding their church edifices.

Whilst the appropriations have been extended more or less over the whole field, there has, nevertheless, been a good deal of inequality so far as the different Presbyteries are concerned. This was to be expected, and is in strict accordance with the great end contemplated by the general scheme; i. e., to make the stronger Presbyteries and churches aid their feebler sisters in times of affliction and poverty. The Presbytery of Cherokee, in upper Georgia, has received greater assistance than any other, owing to the fact that that region of country was more terribly desolated, and the people more thoroughly prostrated and impoverished, than any other portion of the Southern country. Not only were the people stripped of almost everything they had, but their church buildings, with a few exceptions, were utterly destroyed. There was only one church in the whole bounds of this Presbytery that could give its pastor anything like a competent support, while four-fifths of the whole would probably have become entirely extinct as churches, if it had not been for the aid extended to them by the central Committee. The Committee are happy to learn that many of these churches have been restored to comparative prosperity, and will not need further assistance. The condition of affairs was very nearly as bad in other portions of the country, especially in East Tennessee, South-western Virginia, in portions of North Carolina, in certain sections of South Carolina, in South-western Georgia and Florida, in portions of Mississippi and Louisiana, in parts of Arkansas; and whilst in Texas there are comparatively few traces of war, yet the general condition of their churches is one of extreme depression. In all these sections of country, as liberal aid as possible has been extended to the churches, and, it is believed, with the happiest results. New life and new energy have been imparted to all of them, and, perhaps, not more by the pecuniary aid extended, than by the sympathy manifested in their behalf. In regard to a very large proportion of these churches, it is hoped, they will again soon become self-sustaining and will not need further assistance.

The Committee have not been put in possession of full information in relation to what has been done by Presbyteries that are acting only in partial co-operation with the central Committee. These Presbyteries have not been inactive. Some of them have carried on their own missionary operations with much vigor, and have at the same time contributed liberally to the general fund. Taken altogether, a larger number of evangelists have been employed during the past year than ever before since the organization of the Church, and it is earnestly hoped that this is but the beginning of the new spiritual life that is to pervade our beloved Church in all future time.

In relation to the general work of Sustentation and Missions, the call for ear-

nest, persevering effort, is just as urgent now as it was a year ago. From the various reports sent up by the Presbyterial Committees, the wants of the Church at large, though not indicated by precisely the same geographical and ecclesiastical lines, are as great and urgent as they were the last year. The failure of crops in many parts of the country, the embarrassments growing out of debts contracted for the last year's supplies, as well as other causes, have reduced large portions of the country to great straits, and churches, which last year could extend a helping hand to their poorer sisters, will themselves need help the coming year. It would seem that God intends to teach us by these severe and repeated providences the duty and necessity of interdependence among ourselves and especially show us the great importance of being united in one close and compact brotherhood.

At the same time, neither the Assembly nor the central Committee should lose sight of the great importance of establishing and maintaining a complete system of Sustentation for the whole Church. A large portion of our ministerial brethren must be greatly embarrassed and crippled in their labors until some such system is established and enforced; and the object can easily be accomplished by the joint action of the central Committee and the Presbyterial Committees of Missions. To the latter it belongs to see that the resources of every individual church are fully developed, and to the former to provide a supplement for every salary, wherever there is absolute need of it. Every laboring minister should have a competent support guaranteed to him; whether the minimum allowance should be \$500, \$600, or \$700, the Committee will not undertake to decide. But some standard should be fixed upon, and the energies of the whole Church should be directed to the attainment of it. When this is done, many of our ministerial brethren will be freed from distressing embarrassments, the Church, so far as its temporal support is concerned, will be placed on a solid foundation, and will thus be thoroughly equipped for any work of aggression or conquest to which her great Head may call her.

Nothing seems necessary, in the judgment of your Committee, to carry out fully the scheme of Sustentation inaugurated by the last Assembly, but the rigid and faithful enforcement of the rules and principles that were adopted at the same time. The general plan, pregnant as it is with blessings for the whole Church, can be sustained and carried on only by the hearty co-operation of all its parts. The various Presbyterial Committees of Missions, and especially the chairmen of those Committees, must awake to the full responsibilities laid upon them, and use every legitimate means to bring all the churches into hearty co-operation in the great work. At the same time, the Presbyteries should see to it that their Committees of Missions are clothed with the necessary authority for carrying out these great ends.

It should be borne in mind that about one-third of the funds used by the central Committee the last year came from sources outside of the church. These outside contributions were made in consequence of our peculiarly reduced condition. They cannot, and ought not, to be expected another year. The Committee will have hereafter to depend entirely upon funds raised within the bosom of the Church. These can easily be secured by the necessary efforts. General contributions, instead of large ones, are what are particularly needed. An average of one dollar for each church member would not only meet all the wants of this particular cause, but, in a great measure, those of all the other schemes of general benevolence. If ministers, church sessions, and Committees of Missions, will only do their duty, there will be no lack of funds, and the Church will at once be raised up from her low and prostrated condition.

Along with this report, the Committee submit to the Assembly for its revision and approval a code of by-laws, which was adopted at their first meeting, and by which they have been governed in all their disbursements, together with a few modifications and additions which they propose to make to that code. It is the opinion of the Committee that this code, brief and simple as it is, demands the careful consideration of the Assembly; for upon these by-laws hinge the practical working of the whole scheme.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Committee.

J. LEIGHTON WILSON, SECRETARY.

BY-LAWS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SUSTENTATION.

1. All appropriations made by this Committee, whether to assist feeble churches, to aid in church erection, or to support missionaries and evangelists, must be based on the recommendation of the Presbytery's Committee of Domestic Missions, within whose bounds the money is to be expended—it being understood that the Chairman or Secretary is regarded as the organ of the Presbytery's Committee.

2. The Committee shall always appropriate specifically to the different objects presented by the Presbyterial Committee of Missions; and unless a preference is expressed to the contrary, it will always give the precedence to applications in behalf of feeble churches.

3. No appropriation shall be made to supplement the salary given by a feeble church unless the Presbyterial Committee, through which the application is made, can certify that the congregation itself has done all that could reasonably be expected of it to raise a sufficient salary; and further, that the minister is not himself engaged in any secular business which renders him a competent support. The sum of \$250 per annum shall be the maximum given to aid a feeble church, except in extraordinary cases.

4. The maximum appropriation that shall be made for the support of a Missionary or Evangelist shall not exceed \$600, except in extraordinary cases.

5. No appropriation shall be made to aid in repairing or erecting a church edifice, except where the Presbyterial Committee of Missions can certify, 1. That the congregation themselves have not the means to do it. 2. That no application has already been made to churches which are expected to contribute to the general fund. 3. That the amount appropriated by this Committee will be sufficient to put the house in a condition to be used for public worship.

6. No appropriation shall be made to churches or missionaries in Presbyteries which do not carry on their domestic missionary work in accordance with the plan adopted by the General Assembly of 1866.

7. All appropriations made by the Committee in the way of salaries shall be paid by the Treasurer in semi-annual instalments.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SUSTENTATION.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in account with James Woodrow, Treasurer for Sustentation.

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To cash paid evangelists, domestic missionaries, and to supplement pastors' salaries.....	\$17,429 95
To cash paid to aid in rebuilding and repairing churches.....	4,800 00
To cash paid salaries of officers.....	1,025 00
To cash paid travelling expenses.....	443 25
To cash paid office expenses.....	75 56
To cash paid exchange account, (lost in mail, etc.).....	122 48
To cash balance in Treasury, November 1, 1867.....	5,847 09
	\$30,343 33

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By balance in Treasury, November 1, 1866.....	\$ 694 65
By donations from churches and individuals.....	18,256 77
By donations from churches and individuals in Baltimore.....	7,731 91
By donations from Synod of Kentucky.....	2,975 00
By donations from friends in New York, New Jersey, and Wisconsin.....	555 00
By donations from ruling elders at Memphis Assembly.....	100 00
	\$30,343 33

We have examined the accounts of Prof. James Woodrow, Treasurer, and corresponding vouchers, and find them correct.

F. W. McMASTER, } *Auditing*
L. K. GLASGOW, } *Committee.*

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 18, 1867.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In presenting their Sixth Annual Report on Foreign Missions, the Committee have to regret that this great cause has not, during the past year, occupied as large a place in the heart and the sympathies of God's people as it should have done. The attention of our people has been too exclusively occupied, perhaps, with their own trials and difficulties. More thought bestowed upon the indescribably wretched condition of the heathen world, and more earnest and active efforts to mitigate that wretchedness, would not only have exerted a happy and soothing influence upon our own feelings, but would have given a powerful impulse to all the great schemes of benevolence in which we are engaged.

The receipts from all sources have been \$13,121.62. This is several thousand dollars less than was needed, and the consequences are that the missionaries in the Indian country have not been paid their salaries in full, and at the same time the Committee are without the necessary funds to meet the wants of the missionaries who have more recently gone to the foreign field. This deficiency in the contributions was not necessary and ought not to have occurred. An average of a quarter of a dollar to each church member would have more than met the demands of this cause. At the same time, it is questionable whether there is a single church within our whole bounds that could not have given as much, or twice as much, if its claims had been properly brought to their attention. Are ministers of the gospel and church sessions never to be aroused to their responsibilities in relation to this matter? How can they expect the blessing of the great Head of the Church to rest upon themselves or upon their labors, so long as they disregard or overlook the claims of this great cause? Can that church be in a healthful spiritual condition, that feels no interest and joins in no effort to spread the knowledge of the gospel among the perishing nations of the earth? How surpassingly strange is it that more than half of our thirteen hundred churches have not contributed one dollar the last year to sustain this great cause? Is this not a matter that claims the serious attention of the General Assembly, as well as that of all the inferior courts?

INDIAN MISSION.

No very important or marked changes have taken place in the general condition of this mission during the past year. The Rev. Pliny Fiske, a native Choctaw preacher, and for many years a most worthy and laborious minister of the gospel, has been called to his rest. He died in the full consolations of that faith which he had proclaimed for so many years to his fellow-men. As yet no one has been found to fill the place vacated by his death. Mr Byington is in New York, superintending the printing of the Choctaw Bible. The American Bible Society has very kindly undertaken to print an edition of the Pentateuch in that language for the use of the mission, and will also print other portions of the Bible as they are prepared for the press and are needed by the people. It is a kind providence that has spared the life and health of our aged and venerable brother to carry on this great and important work. The thanks of the Assembly are due to the Bible Society for the readiness and liberality with which it has engaged in the printing of these translations.

The missionaries in the field, with the single exception above mentioned, are the same as they were the last year, and the general routine of missionary labor is very much the same. The venerable Dr. Kingsbury still occupies his station near Doaksville, the capital of the Choctaw Nation, and though more than four-score years of age, continues his labors, and, so far as is known, without interruption from sickness or feeble health. Mr. Hotchkiss occupies a station higher up the Red River, and, though in feeble health, is able to meet all his appointments. [Since writing the above, we have received the painful intelligence of the death of the Rev. Ebenezer Hotchkiss. He died at Lenox, Massachusetts, on the 28th of October, 1867, having just arrived there from the Indian country, in the hope of recruiting his shattered health.] Mr. Copeland occupies a district of country bordering on the State of Arkansas,

and not only maintains stated preaching at all the out-stations immediately around, but keeps up those that were formerly occupied by Mr. Byington. Mr. Reid still makes Spencer Academy his headquarters, but has a large number of out-stations, at which he preaches in regular rotation. He made a tour during the summer to the churches in the mountains, in the north-western corner of the territory, and preached at all the stations that were formerly occupied there by Dr. Hobbs. Some account of this tour has been published in the religious papers, and been read with interest. The Rev. Mr. Balentine lives at Boggy Depot, and preaches both to Choctaws and Chickasaws, and, as he thinks, with more encouraging prospects than formerly. The Rev. Allen Wright, a Choctaw preacher, and, for the time being, Chief of the Nation, preaches in the same region and elsewhere as he is summoned from one part of the Nation to another in the discharge of his official duties. The Rev. Stephen Foreman, a native Cherokee preacher, has resumed his former station at Park Hill, near Tahlequah, the capital of the Nation, and is preaching to his people with increasing favor, and with the prospect of much ultimate good. Correspondence is being carried on with a licentiate of the Creek Nation, who was educated by one of our Southern ministers and is highly recommended, which may result in the re-establishment of a mission among a portion of that people.

The labors just referred to have been attended with more encouraging results than have been realised for a number of years past. Many conversions have been reported; backsliders, in greater number, have been reclaimed; and the general attendance upon preaching is much better than it has been since the beginning of the war. The regular reports of the missionaries have failed to reach the Mission Rooms in time to be incorporated with this general report, and hence its meagreness so far as statistical information is concerned.

The great want of the mission, at the present time, is more laborers. The stations formerly occupied by the Rev. Messrs. Byington, Stark, Fiske, and Dr. Hobbs, are all vacant and need to be supplied. The people around these stations are like sheep without a shepherd. They never hear the sound of the gospel, except when visited by ministers from neighboring stations. The call for laborers for this part of the Saviour's vineyard has been repeatedly brought to the attention of ministers, but as yet without a single response. It is once more laid upon their consciences, and it is earnestly hoped that these stations may be occupied during the coming year.

MISSIONS IN FOREIGN LANDS.

The Committee are happy to report that measures have been adopted for the establishment of missions in foreign lands. Miss Christina Ronzone, a native of Italy, but for a number of years past a resident of South Carolina and a member of one of our churches there, sailed for her native country in August last, with the expectation of taking charge of a large Protestant school in the city of Naples. She will act under the general direction of the Waldensian Table or Committee of Missions, but will derive her support from the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions of our Church. This arrangement was thought best in the present disturbed condition of Italy, and is not to be regretted, as it will bring our Church into close fellowship with that of the ancient and venerable Waldenses, who are now actively and successfully engaged in promoting evangelical religion in Italy. A very kind and affectionate letter has just been received from the Rev. Dr. Revel, the Chairman of the Waldensian Table, and will be laid before our readers through the medium of our religious newspapers. Miss Ronzone is eminently fitted for great usefulness by her piety, sound judgment, and very general intelligence.

The Rev. Elias B. Inslee and family sailed for China in June last. Full information was given in the last Annual Report of his previous missionary labors in China, and of the circumstances by which he was brought into connexion with the Committee of Foreign Missions. He took the route by the Isthmus, California, and Japan, as the speediest and most pleasant, and has probably reached his field of labor before the present time. The selection of a particular field of labor will necessarily have to be left very much to himself;

but it is expected that he will settle in the great city of Hanchou. Hanchou is situated about one hundred miles west of Shanghai, is easily accessible from the sea-board, enjoys a healthful location, and is supposed to contain about one million of inhabitants. Mr. Inslee during his previous missionary life spent some time in this place, and is the only missionary, so far as is known, who has ever preached the gospel to that people. It is expected that two young men will be ready to join Mr. Inslee the coming spring, and it is earnestly hoped that the time is not far distant when we shall have a large and flourishing mission in that great empire of sin and darkness.

AID RENDERED BY SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

During the year the Committee sent out an appeal to the Sabbath-schools to secure their co-operation in this great work, especially in sustaining the educational operations that must necessarily be carried on in connexion with it. This appeal has met with a very hearty response, pledges having already been given for the support of forty-five or fifty heathen children. This number can easily be doubled, and the Committee earnestly hope that it will be done the present winter. It is not only a healthful exercise of the benevolence of our children, but will afford very material aid in carrying on the work; and ministers are earnestly urged to call the attention of Sabbath-schools under their care to its great importance.

THE NEED OF MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

The Committee are deeply impressed with the importance of diffusing more missionary intelligence among our people than they have or can command at the present time. Ministers themselves are without the information which it is necessary they should have in order to interest their people in this great work. It is proposed therefore to publish a small and inexpensive magazine that may be sent gratuitously to every minister who has a pastoral charge, and which may be enlarged and have a wider circulation as the circumstances of our churches and people may demand. It is a matter of great importance to the progress of this work that our people observe the usual monthly concert of prayer for the conversion of the world. Whether that time should be the first Sabbath, or the first Monday in the month, should perhaps be left to the convenience of each congregation; but in either case a collection should be taken up in its support. If two missionaries are sent to China the coming spring, and the same number be sent to the Indian country, as is hoped will be the case, there must be a material increase in our missionary receipts. The sum of \$20,000 at least will be needed, and this amount can easily be raised, if ministers of the gospel and church sessions will only do their duty in the matter. An average of twenty-five cents to each church member would be sufficient; and surely there can be but few among us, great as our poverty is, who could not give as much as this, if its claims were properly brought to their attention.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.

J. LEIGHTON WILSON, SECRETARY.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in account with James Woodrow, Treasurer for Foreign Missions.

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To cash paid missionaries to the Indians.....	\$4,039 94
To cash paid missionary to China, outfit, passage, and salary.....	3,000 00
To cash paid missionary to Italy.....	500 00
To cash paid travelling expenses of officers.....	123 50
To cash paid salaries of officers.....	1,625 00
To cash paid office expenses.....	69 40
To cash paid exchange account.....	40 80
To balance in Treasury, Nov. 1, 1867, (bonds, \$1,000; uncurrent bills, \$230; currency, \$492 98).....	1,722 98
	\$13,121 62

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By balance in Treasury, Nov. 1, 1866.....	\$1,254 73
By donations from churches and individuals, from Nov. 1, 1866, to Nov. 1, 1867, ...	10,549 38
By interest on Blair legacy, \$120; Morton legacy, \$77 51; Simons legacy, \$1,120: (bonds, \$1,000).....	1,317 51
	\$13,121 62

We have examined the accounts of Prof. James Woodrow, Treasurer of Foreign Missions, and accompanying vouchers, and have found them correct.

F. W. McMASTER,) Auditing
L. K. GLASGOW,) Committee.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION.

The Executive Committee of Education, in presenting to the General Assembly its Sixth Annual Report, is again called upon to express its regret at the meagre results of its operations during another year. The consequences of the tardy and hesitating action of the General Assembly on the subject of the continuance of this agency of the Church's benevolence, was explained in our last report; and now we have to record the adverse effect of the action of the last Assembly, in appointing the time for taking up the annual collection for this object. The continuance of this Committee had been in peril for two years; and then, after the Assembly had by a decided vote determined on its continuance, the unfortunate action was taken to postpone the collection for this Committee's uses until November, the time at which this report closes. That we should have a very meagre account to render, under such circumstances, was a foregone conclusion.

Agreeably to the order of the Assembly, the Secretary, with the concurrence of the Committee, issued circulars to the Presbyteries, both in the spring and fall, setting forth our wants, calling attention to the action of the Assembly on the subject, and asking for the information requisite to make this annual report. Nearly all the Presbyteries, either at their spring or fall sessions, took action on the subject, appointed corresponding members of this Committee, and exhorted co-operation with it, according to the plan of the Assembly. But the order of the Assembly was, that the annual collection for this object should be taken up on the first of November, or as soon thereafter as practicable. So that the very fidelity and zeal of the Presbyteries in attempting to obey the recommendations of the Assembly has militated, for the time being, against the interests of this Committee, and retarded its work; though we now hope we will soon begin to reap the full benefit thereof.

But the damage was not as great as we feared. The Committee is not authorised by the Assembly to extend aid to any except "candidates," which word the Committee understood to be used technically, and as applicable alone to students under the care of their Presbyteries. Nor can the Committee extend aid without the recommendation of a Presbytery or its Committee. After the last Assembly, the Presbyteries did not meet till spring, when the college sessions were coming to an end. Hence the number of applications for aid was small until recently, since the opening of the current session of the colleges and seminaries, and the fall meetings of the Presbyteries.

The whole amount of available funds in the treasury during the year was \$1,870.59; the whole of which, with the exception of \$8.15 spent for stationery and printing, has been appropriated to candidates, and has been promptly forwarded to them. The officers have served without salaries.

The whole number of candidates who have received aid through this Committee has been eighteen, two of whom are now preaching the gospel as licentiates, and the rest of whom are engaged in prosecuting their studies in academies, colleges, and theological seminaries.

We have the gratifying fact to report that no application for aid to any candidate has been properly made which the Committee was not able to grant. But, at the same time, it is candid to confess that we have official knowledge that many applications were withheld because the published receipts showed the smallness of our resources.

The published proceedings of our Presbyteries, as well as official information, lead us to know that heavy claims are about to be made on us for the aid of beloved young brethren, whose hearts God has touched, in a number of our Presbyteries. What response the Church will make to the appeal on behalf of this object which has just been issued, we cannot foresee; but we know that this Committee will be much embarrassed if the response is not more liberal than its appeals have heretofore received.

Our means, it will be seen, are limited—indeed, are at present exhausted—while several of our candidates, whom we have encouraged to look to us for continued assistance, need their remittances immediately, in order to pursue their studies without interruption. And besides those now on our funds, applications are daily coming in from our Presbyteries at their recent meetings, asking for aid for others; and several of these Presbyteries and ministerial brethren in various parts of the Church, report to us that there are many promising young men, in various stages of their education, who would forthwith place themselves under the care of their Presbyteries as candidates for the ministry, if the Committee had the means to aid them. We fear, therefore, that unless the Church generally shall come more fully to realise the magnitude of the work before us, and endeavor to meet promptly the urgent wants of this cause, many promising young men will be compelled to turn their attention to other callings. And yet the field is white to the harvest, and the laborers are few. But how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?

It is right to say, however, that the work done by this Committee does not exhibit all that the Church has done for ministerial education. Many of our candidates are supported by individual churches, a number of our Presbyteries are attempting to support their own candidates, and some have been supported by the funds of our literary institutions or by special donations.

The Assembly requires of this Committee a summary report of what has been done throughout the Church on this subject; but this we are unable to do in as full a manner as the Assembly expected. In obedience to the Assembly's order, a circular was issued to the Presbyteries, asking the requisite information. But few, however, have as yet responded. If we were to judge the rest of the Church by what these Presbyteries report, it is manifest that a good deal has been done, notwithstanding the pressure of the times.

The following statement embraces all the information, official and unofficial, which we have been able to obtain: That there are two candidates under the care of the Presbytery of Cherokee, and one under the care of the Presbytery of Macon; and that \$260 has been appropriated towards their support.

The plan adopted by the last Assembly has met with much favor with the Church, and some of the Presbyteries which had heretofore acted independently have resolved on co-operating with the Assembly, and acting through this Committee. The fact that the Assembly has thrown the whole responsibility for the candidates on the Presbyteries, has removed every just ground of opposition to the existence of the Committee; and the corresponding member which each Presbytery appoints will be the means of drawing the Assembly's Committee and the Presbyteries more closely together, and of establishing a sympathy between them which will secure harmonious co-operation. Thus far the plan has worked well, and we anticipate from it the most favorable results.

There are some questions in the practical working of the scheme which it may be well to submit to the consideration of the Assembly:

1. In some instances, Presbyteries which decline to contribute to the funds of the Committee, but keep their own treasuries separate, and attempt the support of their own candidates, have called on us for assistance. What is the proper course for this Committee to adopt? Are we to render assistance to the Presbytery, or to require that a certain candidate, or certain candidates, shall be taken on our funds; or are we to decline aiding them unless they see proper to unite with the Assembly in its plan of doing this work, through the agency of this Committee? Thus far, we have construed the action of the Assembly literally, and whenever a candidate has been recommended to us by any Presbytery, the appropriation has been made, without any regard to the position of the Presbytery with reference to this Committee. One of the reasons of our acting thus is, that it is a less evil for us to do so than to allow the Church to suffer the consequences of a different course. Sometimes not only Presbyteries, but churches, undertake this independent course; and on finding themselves unable to fulfil the trust, they turn to begging elsewhere; and the consequence is, that benevolent individuals outside of the Church have been unduly importuned to contribute to local and private undertakings, which results in their withholding from the Church itself the aid which they otherwise would spontaneously extend to its great enterprises, and thus the Church is injured and its respectability impaired. Nor is this the only objection to such a course; for it is a poor commentary on church unity when any of our Presbyteries or churches show a stronger disposition to trust to outside resources rather than to make common cause in its efforts with their own Church. The whole tendency of such movements is hence in the direction of disintegration and independency; and though the Assembly is undoubtedly right in allowing of this independent action, the question is, should it be encouraged?

2. Should candidates, in any circumstances, be allowed to give their notes or obligations for the aid they receive? This question arose on the case of a young brother who has a small amount of property which is at present unproductive. He wishes to finish his studies promptly, but could not make his resources available for that object, and hence an application on his behalf came before the Committee for a loan, to be paid when his property should become available. This case is a different one from that of a man who is without resources, but still it involves the same general principle in some degree. What the Church needs, and, if she accomplishes her mission, what she must have, is a consecrated ministry—a pioneering ministry, full of the evangelistic spirit. But if our beloved youth are helped into the sacred office in such a manner that they begin their professional career burdened with debt, instead of looking for fields of usefulness, they will be inquiring after the fattest salaries; instead of inquiring where the Church ought to elevate her banner and push onward her conquests, he will be inquiring after the best prospect for money; instead of seeking out the poor and the perishing, he will be seeking after rich churches or wealthy communities, and no longer will the poor have the gospel preached to them; and as to the perishing heathen and the waste places of Zion, so far as our young brethren are concerned who would come out of the seminary in debt, if the Macedonian cry should reach them, they could not give the ready response of Paul, but must needs first look after barn and merchandise. This, it seems to your Committee, is not the sort of a ministry we need,

and hence we have given the young brother the money he required, leaving it to his own conscience when and how he shall pay the Church for it.

3. Are we ever to make appropriations to cover past expenses of young men after they have finished their course? We have now before us the case of a brother who has finished his studies, has entered the ministry, has even been ordained, and has found the right field of labor, where he is content and can be supported. But in prosecuting his studies he got behindhand, and entered the ministry \$300 in debt. The prospect now is that he will be compelled to lay aside his work, secularize himself, and proceed to the business of making money until this debt is paid. When that is done, is it to be supposed that his heart will be in his great work as it was before?—that he will have the same spirit of consecration and self-denial? These facts would rather favor the opposite conclusion, and render it doubtful whether any man ought to be allowed to enter the ministry at all while he is in debt; for the form of installation itself requires the congregation to give the pastor a salary sufficient to free him from worldly cares and avocations. But assuredly no man can be thus free with the burden of debt resting on his conscience and harassing him during his waking and his sleeping hours.

All which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee.

E. T. BAIRD, SECRETARY OF EDUCATION.

TREASURER'S REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Report of Chas. Gennet, Treasurer of Education of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Treasurer of Education reports receipts for the year ending October 31st, 1867, to be as follows, namely:

By balance from late Treasurer.....	\$ 213 16
Donations from November 1st, 1866, to October 31st, 1867.....	1,657 43

Amount to be accounted for.....	\$1,870 59
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Stationery and Printing.....	8 15
Appropriations to students.....	1,862 00
Balance.....	44—\$1,870 59

CHAS. GENNET, TREASURER.

The undersigned, charged with that duty by the Education Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer, find them correct, and that the balance in his hands, on the 1st of November, 1867, was 44 cents.

J. M. HERNDON,	} Committee.
B. R. WELLFORD, JR.,	

REPORT OF THE FACULTY OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT COLUMBIA, S. C.

The Faculty of the Theological Seminary at Columbia present to the General Assembly the following as their thirty-ninth annual report :

The whole number of students in attendance during the year has been fourteen, viz. :

Of the old Students

IN THE SENIOR CLASS.

A. W. Gaston, of Georgia, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Charleston.

IN THE MIDDLE CLASS.

W. W. Mills, of South Carolina, a candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

S. F. Tenney, of Georgia, a candidate of the Presbytery of Hopewell.

The following eleven new students have been received during the present session, viz. :

A. P. Nicholson, of South Carolina, a candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina, who was present as an irregular student during a portion of last term.

W. W. Brimm, of Georgia, a candidate of the Presbytery of Atlanta.

B. L. Baker, " " " " " Florida.

P. Gowan, Jr., of South Carolina, candidate of the Presbytery of Charleston.

John L. Wilson, of Tennessee, a candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

Wm. N. Dickey, of Steel Creek church, Presbytery of Concord.

John B. McKinnon, of North Carolina, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

A. J. Davis, of North Carolina, of Philadelphia church, Presbytery of Concord.

C. M. Richards, of Arkansas, a candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

W. R. Atkinson, of South Carolina, a candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

John Law, of Tennessee, a candidate of the Presbytery of Memphis.

Of these students Mr. Richards was a member of the Junior Class of 1861-62, passed through the examination of that term, and has re-entered the Junior Class of the present year. Mr. Law is engaged in preparatory studies, and will be enrolled with the Junior Class of the next term. Mr. A. W. Gaston has completed the course of study required by the Constitution of the Seminary, and has received the usual certificate.

The health of the students has been good with the exception of that of Mr. Davis, who has been compelled to suspend his studies for a season. Their attendance upon the exercises of the Seminary has been punctual and faithful; a hearty diligence has been manifested in study; their progress in knowledge and self-discipline has been worthy of commendation; and the tone of piety prevailing among them has been such as to cheer and encourage the hearts of the Faculty.

The exercises of the Seminary have been conducted with regularity during the term, with the exception of those interruptions occurring through the occasional ill health of two of the professors. Dr. Plumer's election took place on the 23rd of November, 1866, but by the wrong direction of letters, official information of his appointment did not reach him till the middle of December. His arrangements to enter upon the duties of his office were made with great promptitude. He reached the Seminary on the 16th of January, 1867, on the following day delivered his opening lecture, and has met the several classes nine times a week through the remainder of the term. In addition to the topics of his own immediate professorship, those of Pastoral Theology have been devolved upon him, while to Dr. Adger has been assigned, in addition to his own branches, that of Homiletics. Previous to the arrival of Dr. Plumer, the studies of the Senior and Middle classes in Theology were under the direction of Dr. Howe, and on the Evidences under that of Dr. Woodrow. The other departments have been conducted substantially as in former years.

The students now in attendance at the Seminary promise to be useful and

earnest laborers in the ministry of the gospel. There is an encouraging prospect of a further increase in their numbers during the coming year, and we rely upon the hearty support of the Church, with the divine blessing, to restore the institution to its former prosperity.

GEO. HOWE, CHAIRMAN.

Columbia, S. C., May 21, 1867.

POSTSCRIPT.—The Faculty beg leave to add to the preceding Report, that since the opening of the term on the third Monday in September, the following students have entered the Seminary, viz.:

J. Lawrence Caldwell, a candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.
 L. K. Glasgow, a candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.
 J. W. Heath, of Rome, Georgia.
 J. F. Latimer, a candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.
 J. L. Martin, " " " " Harmony.
 J. S. Moore, " " " " Tuscaloosa.
 S. M. Richardson, a licensed preacher of the Baptist Church.
 W. Cuttino Smith, a candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Mr. Davis has been prevented from returning to the Seminary by ill health. The number now attending upon its exercises is twenty-one, with the prospect of further additions. The Synod of South Carolina have pledged themselves to raise \$2,000 in money or provisions, during the current year, for the support of the Professors. The Synod of Georgia has ordered collections to be taken up in its churches during the next three months for the same purpose. It is hoped that other Synods, not otherwise pledged, will aid the Seminary until the deficiency in its endowments shall be made up. Satisfactory arrangements have been made for the boarding of the students which add greatly to their comfort, and diminish the expense of the same fully one-fourth.

By order of the Faculty,

GEO. HOWE, CHAIRMAN.

Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.. November 13th, 1867.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States :

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia beg leave to submit this their Fourth Annual Report of the state and condition of the Seminary.

The Board met at the Seminary on Tuesday evening, the 21st May, 1867, for the purpose of transacting the business of the corporation and attending the examination of the students. They entered at once upon the performance of their duties, and with diligence continued therein, with suitable intervals, until their work was done.

The Report of the Faculty, which was read to the Board, and which will be submitted to your respected body, gives a full statement of the mode and extent of instruction given, and is entirely satisfactory. It will be seen from it that there were fourteen students in the institution during the session; that they were orderly and diligent in study; that every department of instruction prescribed in the constitution has been resumed, and the duties thereof seem to be discharged with fidelity. The department of the vacant Professorship has been divided and distributed amongst the four Professors, and the duties thereof performed with cheerfulness and efficiency.

The buildings of the seminary are constructed of brick; are of a permanent character; have been built at a heavy cost, and are of great value. In the main, they are in good condition, and sufficient to accommodate ninety or one hundred students.

The library is large—the number of volumes exceeds 18,000, collected with discriminating judgment with a view to their worth. The Librarian, Dr. Howe, has bestowed much attention upon it. It is in regular order, and the books well cared for. It is to be regretted that recent publications of value cannot, for want of means, be added to it.

The funds which were invested, as shown in the last annual report, remain in the same condition that they were in then. The sum of \$16,073.24 has been added to the permanent fund since the last report. This was contributed by friends of the institution, and has been invested in City of Mobile Bonds and private securities, believed to be well secured. Although the amount is small, we should be thankful for this much for one year, and should accept it as evidence that He whose right it is to rule is still mindful of this institution, and as a token of what we may expect when the country shall once more be blessed with peace and prosperity.

The salaries and current expenses of the Seminary are pressing and hard to meet. The report of your Treasurer, herewith submitted, shows a deficiency of \$4,040.93 to pay the salaries of the Professors up to the 1st July, 1867. The prospective view of the means and wants for the next year shows a still larger deficiency. This we trust will be supplied by the Church. While some of the churches have done well, many of them have done little or nothing. The Board has not lost all hope of meeting these wants from contributions of the churches and liberal-minded individuals, and have resolved to persevere in the plan commenced a year ago.

The examination of the students, which occupied two days, was conducted by the instructors, in the presence of the Board, with which the Board were well pleased. It was highly creditable both to the Professors and the young candidates for the ministry; exhibiting learning and ability on the one part, and diligence on the other.

The Board feels it a duty to present in this report some of the many advantages of this Seminary. The Faculty is composed of able and experienced men; the library is large and varied. The location at Columbia has great advantages over almost any other place. The society is refined; the climate is mild in winter and pleasant in summer. The place is remarkable for its good health; is accessible by railroad communication in every direction. Few institutions of learning have equal advantages with this. Students from the whole church are invited to come to it.

The Rev. Dr. Plumer, the Professor elected by the last Assembly to fill the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology, entered promptly upon the duties of his office. We have reason to be thankful for his appointment. He brings with him to this responsible position the acquisitions of much previous preparation, the fruits of enlarged, thorough, and laborious study, and extensive experience in the way of teaching. Since entering upon the duties of his department in January last, he has prosecuted them with great energy and without interruption to the close of the session, giving the greatest satisfaction both to his associates and the young men under his instruction. We cannot but regard him as a precious gift from the great Head of the Church in a time of urgent need, and we confidently believe that, if his valued life is spared, he will be made the honored instrument of doing much to restore our beloved Seminary to its former prosperity and influence. He is earnestly commended to the confidence of our Christian people at large. The Board would respectfully suggest that it devolves upon the General Assembly to make arrangements for the inauguration of the said Professor.

All which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Board.

THOS. C. PERRIN, CHAIRMAN.

Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., May 23, 1867.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, COLUMBIA, S. C.

H. Muller, Treasurer, in account with Theological Seminary of Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

		DR.	
1866.			
Dec.	31—To balance in cash from former Treasurer, eighteen Coupons City Mobile Bonds, account of Perkins Professorship, from former Treasurer, \$40 each,	29 31	720 00
1867.			
Jan.	7—To First Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, per Dr. Howe, John and Harriet English's note, interest, two Coupons Spartanburg and Union Railroad Co., \$17.50 each, one Coupon Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad Co., three Coupons Greenville and Columbia Railroad Co., \$17.50 each, six Coupons City of Savannah Bonds—four \$35 each, two \$17.50 each, nine Coupons State of South Carolina Bonds, \$30 each, thirty Coupons City of Mobile Bonds, Perkins Professorship, \$40 each,	310 55 420 00 35 00 17 50 52 50 175 00 270 00 1,200 00	
Jan.	11—To Abbeville Church, through Dr. Adger, Government Street Church, through Dr. Woodrow, J. A. Analey, Augusta, Ga., thank offering, " cash, through Dr. Howe,	25 00 120 00 100 00 254 60	
Jan.	21—To Perrin and Cothran, account of Bull Legacy,	248 45	
Jan.	22—To Ladies' Sewing Society, Camden, S. C., per Dr. Howe,	30 00	
Jan.	24—To Lafayette Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, per Dr. Howe,	60 00	
Jan.	29—To G. M. Thew, Agent, interest,	230 50	
Feb.	4—To G. M. Thew, Agent, interest,	199 50	
Feb.	7—To dividends on 33 shares Farmer's and Planter's Bank, Baltimore,	49 25	
Feb.	12—To Dr. Stratton's Church, Natchez, Mississippi,	100 00	
Feb.	13—To Fair Forest Church, Grindal Shoals Church,	30 00 6 00	
Feb.	16—To Ladies' Sewing Society, Camden, S. C.,	50 00	
Feb.	23—To Concord Church, Synod of Mississippi, Camden Church, " Mount Moriah Church, " Lexington Church, " Upper Greenwood Church, " Forest Grove Church, " Canton Church,	12 00 8 00 10 00 40 00 15 00 15 00 50 00	
Feb.	28—To Zion Church, Glebe Street, Charleston, S. C., Mrs. S. E. Hemphill, Arkansas, in gold,	20 00 10 00	
March	8—To Flemington Church, Liberty county, Georgia, To Gainesville Church, Tuskalooza Presbytery, Bethlehem Church, Tuskalooza Presbytery,	12 35 15 00 15 00	
March	20—To James Adger & Co., interest,	339 74	
April	11—To sundry churches and persons, through Prof. James Woodrow,	355 50	
April	13—To dividends on fifteen shares Telegraph Stock to January 1, 1867,	22 50	
April	29—To sundry churches, through Dr. Adger,	177 85	
April	30—To Parity Church, Chester, through Dr. Howe,	32 65	
May	15—To Tuskalooza Presbytery, through Dr. Woodrow, Cheraw Church, Harmony Presbytery, " Bethel Church, Bethel Presbytery, " Augusta Church, Hopewell Presbytery, " Mount Zion Church, Tuskalooza Presbytery, " Fairview Church, South Alabama Presbytery, " Mt. Pleasant Church, " Adam's Grove Church, " Camden Church, " Shell Creek Church, " Valley Creek Church, " Selma Church, " Marion Church, "	100 00 30 00 21 00 406 00 20 00 15 00 8 00 15 00 15 00 12 00 13 25 70 00 50 00	
		\$6,694 00	
May	17—To balance,	2,352 51	
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1867.			
Jan.	5—By A. Palmer's bill and receipt for tin box,	4 50	
Jan.	J. J. McCarter's bill and receipt for pocket book and stationery,	4 34	
Jan.	9—By exchange in check from First Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, expenses of Rev. Messrs. Fliinn, Dickson, and Wilson, in attending meet- ing of Board of Directors of Theological Seminary,	80 26 90	
Jan.	11—By Dr. Howe, account for salary to 1st January, 1867, coupons \$237.50, and cash \$550, Dr. Adger, account for salary to 1st January, 1867, coupons \$242.50, and cash \$550,	787 50 792 50	
Jan.	29—By Express freight on package from G. M. Thew,	50	
Jan.	31—By Dr. Howe, account for salary to 1st January, 1867, Dr. Adger, account for salary to 1st January, 1867,	270 00 270 00	
Feb.	4—By Dr. Leland, account for salary to 1st January, 1867, cash \$230, and coupons \$70,	300 00	
Feb.	8—By Dr. Howe, for repairs to Seminary Buildings,	15 00	
March	1—By expenses for Express on Bonds sent from Mobile,	12 95	

April	1—By H. Muller, Treasurer, salary to 1st April.	50 00
	Dr. Howe, account for salary to 1st April, 1867.	300 00
	Dr. Adger, account for salary to 1st April, 1867.	300 00
	Dr. Plumer, account for salary to 1st April, 1867.	300 00
April	13—By Dr. Howe, account for salary to 1st April, 1867.	100 00
April	25—By Dr. Howe, for repairs at Seminary,	5 00
May	15—By Express freight,	1 50
May	26—By Dr. Howe, account for salary to 1st April, 1867.	200 00
	Dr. Plumer, account for salary to 1st April, 1867.	300 00
	Dr. Adger, account for salary to 1st April, 1867.	300 00
	Balance,	\$2,352 51

\$2,694 00

Coupons, account of Perkins Professorship, \$1,920 00

Cash, 432 51

\$2,352 51

Amount due Dr. Howe for salary from 1st April, '66, to 1st April, '67.	3,000 00
Amount due Dr. Adger " " " "	3,000 00
Amount due Dr. Leland, " " " "	800 00
Amount due Dr. Plumer, from 1st Jan., '67, to 1st April, '67.	750 00

\$7,550 00

Paid Dr. Howe,	\$1,822 03
Paid Dr. Adger,	1,827 03
Paid Dr. Leland,	300 00
Paid Dr. Plumer,	600 00—
	4,549 06

\$3,000 94

Balance due April 1, 1867.	
Amount due Dr. Howe 1st April, 1867,	\$750 00
Amount due Dr. Adger,	750 00
Amount due Dr. Plumer, "	750 00
Amount due Dr. Leland, "	200 00—
	2,450 00

\$5,450 94

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$432 50
Interest due 1st July, '67,	977 50—
	2,450 00

\$4,040 93

Due 1st July, '67,

EDUCATION ACCOUNT.
DR.

1867.

Feb. 6—To balance in cash from former Treasurer,	\$49 50
To twelve coupons City of Mobile Bonds, \$40 each, from former Treasurer.	480 00
Feb. 7—To dividends 100 shares Farmer's and Planter's Bank, Baltimore,	149 25
Feb. 8—To Zion Church, Charleston, per Dr. Howe,	22 00
Feb. 23—To Rev. J. Simpson Frierson, Tennessee, per Dr. Woodrow,	5 00
March 7—To a Lady, through Dr. Adger,	50 00
April 29—To Roberts Church, through Dr. Adger,	10 00
May 15—To Philox, Sumter, S. C., through Dr. Woodrow,	30 00

\$1,596 65

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By amount paid Students, by Dr. Howe's order.	271 00
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\$1,325 65

Balance to debit H. Muller, Treasurer,	
Compons,	\$480 00
Cash,	845 65
	\$1,325 65

STOCK ACCOUNT.

47 per cent. Bonds City of Savannah, one thousand dollars each, interest due 1st June,	\$245 00
27 per cent. Bonds City of Savannah, five hundred dollars each, interest due 1st June,	35 00
88 per cent. Bonds City of Mobile, interest due 1st July,	320 00
15 shares Washington and New Orleans Telegraph Co., dividends due 1st July,	22 50
33 shares Farmer's and Planter's Bank, Baltimore, dividends due 1st July, say	50 00
3 Bonds Greenville and Columbia R. R. Co., five hundred dollars each, past due,	
3 Bonds Greenville and Columbia Railroad Co., five hundred dollars each, int. due 1st July.	52 50
Note of John and Harriet English, six thousand dollars, interest due Dec. 20, '67,	
1 Bond Charlotte and South Carolina R. R. Co., five hundred dollars, int. due 1st July,	17 50
3 Bonds " " " " " " " " each, past due,	
2 Bonds Spartanburg and Union R. R. Co., five hundred dollars each, int. due July 10, '67.	35 00
Note of Dr. Howe, one hundred and seventy-two dollars and seventy-one cts. Nov. 1, '66,	
5 Bonds City of Mobile, one thousand dollars each, interest due 1st July, 1867,	200 00

\$977 50

Adams & Frost's note, guaranteed by James Adger & Co.,	9,207 74
Adams & Frost's note, guaranteed by James Adger & Co.,	1,692 79

HENRY MULLER, TREASURER.

Columbia, May 20, 1867.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO CONFER CONCERNING UNION WITH CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

MEMPHIS, TENN., November 13, 1867.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, at Nashville, Tenn. :

DEAR BROTHER : Our last General Assembly, at Memphis, adopted the following recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, viz. : "That a Committee of five be appointed by this Assembly to confer with any similar Committee on the part of the Cumberland Presbyterian Assembly, to ascertain how far the way is prepared for an organic union between the two bodies upon the basis of the Westminster Standards." I was appointed chairman of that Committee, and on conferring with the chairman of the Committee appointed by the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Rev. S. G. Burney, D. D., it was agreed to hold a joint meeting of the two Committees, in Memphis, on the 5th day of August. That meeting was accordingly held, and the spirit and results of that meeting may be ascertained from the minutes, a certified copy of which I herewith transmit to you by the hands of our beloved brother, A. H. Kerr, D. D. As our whole powers as a Committee were embraced in the words of the resolution of the Assembly, "*to ascertain how far the way is prepared for an organic union between the two bodies, upon the basis of the Westminster Standards,*" it does not seem needful to make any other report than is involved in these minutes. They speak for themselves, and show clearly "*how far the way is prepared for an organic union.*" That you may have the guidance of God's Holy Spirit in your deliberations on this important matter, and on all other matters connected with the interests and prosperity of our beloved Zion, is the earnest prayer of

Yours truly, in the Lord Jesus,

J. O. STEDMAN.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Monday, Aug. 5th, 1867, 10 o'clock, A. M.

According to previous arrangement between the respective chairmen, the Committees on Organic Union appointed by the Presbyterian Church in the United States, at her General Assembly in November, 1866, and by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at her General Assembly in May, 1867, met in the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in this city.

Of the Committee of the Presbyterian Church, there were present, Rev. J. O. Stedman, D. D., *Chairman*, Rev. A. H. Kerr, D. D., and Rev. T. D. Witherspoon. Absent, Rev. J. H. Gray, D. D., Rev. J. N. Waddel, D. D., and Rev. J. A. Lyon, D. D.

Of the Committee of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, there were present, Rev. S. G. Burney, D. D., *Chairman*, Rev. A. J. Baird, D. D., and Rev. J. W. Poindexter. Absent, Rev. R. Burrow, D. D., Rev. M. Bird, D. D., and Rev. LeRoy Woods.

On motion of Dr. Burney, Dr. Stedman was appointed Chairman of the Joint Committee, and Dr. Baird, Clerk.

The meeting was opened by singing the 137th Psalm, 3rd part, and prayer by the Rev. J. W. Poindexter.

After some very pleasant interchange of Christian sentiment as to the object of this conference, Drs. Stedman and Baird were appointed a committee, and reported the following preamble and resolutions for the guidance and government of this conference, which were unanimously adopted :

As Committees appointed by our respective General Assemblies to take into consideration the grave and important subject of organic union, we recommend for your adoption the following resolutions :

Resolved, 1. That we believe that the glory of God in the strengthening and edification of the Church and the salvation of sinners, would be greatly promoted by the union of these churches. It would greatly extend the usefulness

of the means which are now employed in the Church to accomplish its purposes :

First. The same Schools and Boards would supply both denominations, if united, that are now employed by each one separately.

Second. In many of our smaller towns and villages we are trying to sustain two ministers and churches where there is not more ability than would sustain one.

Resolved, 2. That we believe that these Churches, being both Presbyterian, the same in government, and the doctrines of both being based upon the Westminster Standards, should at once unite, unless the differences between them are indeed insurmountable.

Resolved, 3. That all formal statements of differences between these committees shall be reduced to writing, and a correct copy of the same shall be furnished to each committee, with a full copy of the minutes of all these meetings, certified by the chairmen of the respective committees, to be used by them as they may deem best.

J. O. STEDMAN, }
A. J. BAIRD, } Com.

On motion, the Joint Committee took recess until 3 o'clock p. m.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Members present as in the forenoon. Rev. J. H. Gray, D. D., of the Committee of the Presbyterian Church, appeared and took his seat in the conference.

Three members of the Committee of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church being absent, the Rev. B. W. McDonnold, D. D. LL.D., being present, was invited by the members present of said Committee, and admitted by the courtesy of the other Committee, to take part in the deliberations.

Dr. Gray offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That each committee now retire and consult among themselves, and prepare each a statement of the conditions upon which they believe an organic union may be effected between the two Churches, and report to-morrow at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Closed with prayer by the Chairman.

TUESDAY, August 6th, 1867, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Joint Committee met; members present as on yesterday. Opened with singing and prayer by Dr. McDonnold.

Rev. J. N. Waddel, D. D., of the Committee of Presbyterian Church, appeared and took his seat in the conference.

The Committees of the two Churches each presented a paper in accordance with the resolution offered yesterday by Dr. Gray.

The paper of the Presbyterian Committee was read by Dr. Stedman, and is as follows :

PAPER NO. 1 OF PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE.

The Committee of Conference of the Presbyterian Church, would respectfully present to the Joint Committee of the two Churches the following statement of the basis upon which, as we think, an organic union of the two bodies may be effected.

1. It is known to the brethren of both Churches that the original separation between the two bodies took place in a time of great religious awakening, and consequently of great mental excitement. In such a time there is a natural tendency in the minds of men to extremes, and even the best men do not act with the same sober judgment and the same prayerful deliberation, as when under less exciting influences. The issue was made with us by the fathers of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church upon the grounds, as the records of both Churches show : 1. That in our doctrinal standards, "The idea of fatality is taught under the high and mysterious name of election and reprobation;" and, 2. That the discipline of the Church is too rigid in requiring in every case a definite amount of literary education as a prerequisite to ministerial ordina-

tion. The Committee are of opinion that upon the last of these points there is no difference between us; that whatever may have been the views and the policy of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in that early day, and under the exigencies of the times, the sentiment of the Church is now unanimous as to the necessity of an educated ministry, in the sense in which our standards make it obligatory. Upon the first point, the Committee think that, while there are probably some phrases in our doctrinal symbols which are liable to misconstruction, and which in the exciting times to which we refer were misconstrued and thought to teach the idea of fatalism; yet now that the excitement has all passed away and time has been given for calm and dispassionate investigation, our brethren of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church have been brought to see that it was not the design of our Confession to teach the doctrine of fatalism; that the language of even the disputed passages does not, when fairly interpreted, contain it, and that in many other passages both the free agency of the creature and the contingency of second causes are distinctly asserted; so that upon this point there remains no reason why a union between us should not be effected.

2. Such being the state of the points originally at issue, and feeling that a union of the two bodies on some harmonious basis would tend greatly to the promotion of the glory of God and the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, we would, as the representatives of the mother Church, from which our brethren withdrew, most cordially invite them to form a union with us upon the basis of the old standards as they were held by their fathers and ours previous to the separation, the same liberty in the construction of those standards to be given as was then allowed and has since been given in the union of the Old School and New School bodies in the South.

3. We propose that all ministers in regular standing in either of the Churches shall be enrolled as ministers in the united Church, that all Presbyteries entitled to representation in either Assembly shall be entitled to the same representation in the joint Assembly, and that to this Assembly shall be assigned the duty of consolidating and arranging the Presbyteries and Synods of the united Church.

4. We propose that all the funds and all the church property, the schools, colleges, and the theological seminaries of the two Churches, with all their missionary operations, shall be under the control of the General Assembly—constituted as above, and that to this Assembly shall be referred all questions appertaining to the distribution and conduct of the same.

J. O. STEDMAN, CHAIRMAN.

The paper of the Cumberland Presbyterian Committee was read by Dr. Burney, and is as follows:

PAPER NO. 1 OF CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE.

In consideration of the advantages of organic union between the two Churches, we, the Committee representing the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, consent to surrender our preference on the following points of difference:

1. We consent to surrender our name. In this we simply consent to make no distinctive history for the future.

2. We consent to surrender our standards on the subject of ministerial education, and to adopt those of the Presbyterian Church, or such standards as may be mutually acceptable.

3. We consent to accept the standards of the Presbyterian Church on all points of difference in the Form of Government, Discipline, and Directory, or such modification of them as may be mutually acceptable.

As a condition precedent to these concessions, we respectfully ask that the Confession of Faith and Catechism of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church shall be adopted instead of the Confession of Faith and Catechism of the Presbyterian Church.

Or, as an alternative to the above, we agree to adopt the Confession of Faith and Catechism of the Presbyterian Church modified substantially according to the indications given in a paper herewith submitted.

Or, if it shall appear more satisfactory to our brethren of the Presbyterian Church, we consent to a new compilation upon the basis of the Westminster Standards, which new compilation shall exclude all phraseology and modes of expression which can be plausibly construed to favor the idea of fatality or necessity.

We also respectfully ask that in the union of the two Churches the amicable adjustment of the political and sectional issues touching slavery and rebellion made by the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in May, 1867, shall be accepted.

PAPER ACCOMPANYING ABOVE.

Chapter III. Of God's Eternal Decrees.

SECTION 1. God did from all eternity adopt the whole plan of his creation and providence with a full knowledge of all the events which would transpire therein, including the sins of men and angels. These events he determined either to bring to pass by his own direct and absolute agency, or to permit them to come to pass in view of the results which his bounding and overruling providence would bring out of the whole plan.

SEC. 2. According to the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, he did from all eternity elect to salvation all true believers in Jesus Christ. This election was perfectly definite as to the persons elected and also as to their number; and God did in like manner from eternity reprobate to eternal perdition all that finally reject Jesus Christ, and this reprobation was also definite as to person and number.

SEC. 3. Those of mankind that are predestinated unto life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to his eternal and immutable purpose and the secret counsel and good pleasure of his will, hath chosen in Christ unto everlasting glory, out of mere free grace and love, all to the praise of his glorious grace.

SEC. 4. As God hath appointed the elect unto glory, so hath he by the eternal and most free purpose of his will, foreordained all the means thereunto. Wherefore they who are elected, being fallen in Adam, are redeemed by Christ, are effectually called unto faith in Christ by his Spirit working in due season, are justified, adopted, sanctified, and kept by his power through faith unto salvation.

SEC. 5. The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care that men attending the will of God revealed in his word and yielding obedience thereunto, may from a certainty of their vocation be assured of their eternal election; so shall this doctrine afford matter of praise, reverence, and admiration of God, and of humility, diligence, and abundant consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

We make the same references which are made in the Presbyterian Confession of Faith, with the addition of 1 Peter, first chapter, second verse, and Romans eighth chapter and twenty-ninth verse.

Of Chapter V. we offer the following modification for section fourth.

SEC. 4. The almighty power, unsearchable wisdom, and infinite goodness of God, so far manifest themselves in his providence that it extendeth itself not only to those acts which God absolutely decrees, but also to those which he permits, joining with it a most wise and powerful bounding and otherwise ordering and governing them in a manifold dispensation to his own holy ends.

Chapter 8. We offer the following as a substitute for section eight.

SEC. 8. Although Jesus Christ tasted death for every man according to the Scriptures, yet the benefits of this death are savingly applied to those only who are chosen unto life through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth; but to all those thus chosen these benefits are so applied as to insure their eternal salvation.

We offer the tenth chapter in the Cumberland Presbyterian Confession of Faith, instead of the tenth chapter in the Presbyterian Confession of Faith.

In chapter seventeen we offer this change in section second. Substitute for the phrase "not upon their own free will," the phrase "not upon their own ability or merit."

Finally, we propose to modify certain expressions in the Catechisms so as to make them correspond with the changes indicated in reference to the Confession of Faith.

On motion of Dr. Gray, the Joint Committee took recess, so that each separate committee might retire and examine the papers of the other.

12 o'clock, M.

Joint Committee met. Dr. Stedman read paper No. 2 of the Presbyterian Committee, which is as follows:

PAPER NO. 2 OF PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE.

The Committee of the Presbyterian Church submit to the Joint Committee the following statements:

After a full and careful examination of the paper presented by the Committee of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, we are gratified to find that the obstacles to organic union are not at the outset of as formidable a nature as we had feared they might be, and we by no means despair of the ultimate accomplishment of a union so desirable.

In reference to the specific points contained in the paper under consideration, we would say that the concessions of our brethren contained in the first part of their paper are all that in these respects we could desire.

In reference to the modifications proposed by our brethren in the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of our Church, we would say that there are some of the changes proposed which are merely of a verbal nature, and which we believe we are warranted in saying that our Church would be willing to accept; but there are other changes proposed, so fundamental in their character, that we would not be able to act upon them without further instructions from the General Assembly of our Church.

J. O. STEDMAN, Chairman.

On motion of Dr. Kerr, the Joint Committee took recess to 3 o'clock p. m.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Joint Committee met; members present as in forenoon.

Dr. McDonnold read paper No. 2 of the Cumberland Presbyterian Committee, as follows:

We submit to the Joint Committee our reply to paper No. 2 of the Presbyterian Committee: We are greatly gratified with the spirit of liberality shown in this paper. While it assures us that some of the verbal modifications we suggested would be made, it suggests that part of our paper asks for changes involving doctrinal points too important to be responded to without reference to the General Assembly. Therefore, we propose that that Committee refer these papers to their General Assembly, and ascertain there how far that body would be willing to go in the direction indicated in these papers.

We take this occasion to express our gratification with the spirit in which these interviews have all been conducted, and we now express our hope that the differences existing between the two Churches are not sufficient to keep us long apart.

S. G. BURNEY, Chairman.

Dr. Stedman read paper No. 3 of the Presbyterian Committee, in reply to paper No. 2 of the Cumberland Presbyterian Committee, as follows:

The Committee of the Presbyterian Church, in reply to paper No. 2 of the Cumberland Presbyterian Committee, would simply say, that in their opinion they have now proceeded as far as the appointment of our General Assembly justifies, and we therefore recommend that we now close our conference. We would also unite in the hope that the result of the joint conference will be to bind us more closely in the bonds of Christian fellowship, and ultimately in such a union upon a common basis as will be for the glory of God, and our united permanent interest and prosperity.

J. O. STEDMAN, Chairman.

Dr. Gray offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, 1. That this Joint Committee now close its conferences, and that its minutes be referred by each Committee to its own General Assembly.

Resolved, 2. That we return our thanks to Almighty God for the manner in which these interviews have been conducted.

Resolved, 3. That we go hence bearing with us grateful and prayerful recollections of each other, and earnestly praying the Lord to pour out his Spirit upon the Churches which we here represent; and we do pray him to grant, if it be consistent with his will, that these Churches may soon come together in one body.

On motion of Dr. Waddel, the Joint Committee now engaged in fervent prayer and thanksgiving, in conformity with the spirit of the above resolutions, led by the Rev. J. W. Poindexter.

After reading and approval of the minutes as recorded, on motion of Dr. Kerr, the Joint Committee adjourned *sine die*.

Closed with prayer by the Chairman.

S. G. BURNEY,

Chairman of Committee on part of Cumberland Pres. Church.

A. J. BAIRD, Clerk.

LETTER FROM THE REV. JAMES A. LYON, D. D.

COLUMBUS, Miss., July 16, 1867.

Rev. James O. Stedman, D. D.

MY DEAR BROTHER: Your letter, as Chairman of the General Assembly's Committee on Union with the Cumberland Presbyterians, notifying me that a meeting of said Committee would take place in the city of Memphis on the first Monday of August, has been received.

It will be out of my power to be present on that occasion, as I have other arrangements that will prevent it. This I sincerely regret, as I should much like to hear the views of my brethren on the subject of so very important and grave a measure as organic union with our Cumberland Presbyterian brethren, many of whom I greatly esteem, and some of whom would be an ornament to any Church.

Coalescence with that body would greatly swell our numbers, or rather theirs, as, if I have been correctly informed, their numbers considerably exceed ours, so that in the union contemplated we should join *them*, not they *us*. Their element would decidedly preponderate in the united body. This, however, is not to be taken into the account, provided we are homogeneous in other respects. Are we? This is a vital question. We doubtless are sufficiently alike to live side by side, and to dwell together in peace and harmony as neighbors. But are we sufficiently alike to become one organic body, and especially when we should be merged into them, and lose our individuality and preponderating influence? This I greatly doubt.

So far as what are called the *doctrines* are concerned, of course there can be no other *basis* of union except our "Confession of Faith." As to Presbyterian *church order* and *polity*, perhaps we may be said to be one on that subject, although our *practice*, in some instances, is widely different. But so far as the *qualifications* of the ministry are concerned, we differ materially. This, as you know, was the original cause of their separation from us. Here are obstacles to the union, or re-union, which I do not see how we can surmount. I do not know what is the proportion of educated men amongst their ministry, but judging from my own observation, I do not suppose, at the largest calculation, there is more than one in five who come up to the requirements of our standards. What shall be done with this large element of partially educated men? Surely we cannot require them to resume their studies, and re-enter the academies and colleges of the land as students again! And yet, to receive them *en masse* into our body would be to place the whole numerical power of the Church in their hands—since they would doubtless constitute a majority of the whole.

It may be said that our Presbyteries sometimes, by special act of dispensation, ordain men to the work of the ministry who have not had a college education. This is true. In some instances we have received men of large

experience, or eminent gifts, without requiring strict and literal compliance with the requisitions of the Confession of Faith. This, however, is the *exception* to the rule. But in the event we merge ourselves into a Church where the majority of the united body will fall short of the requirements of our standards, then the exception will become the *rule*. This is a very serious obstacle in the way of the proposed union, and I must confess, to my mind, insurmountable.

But, nevertheless, suppose we get over this difficulty by agreeing to unite with these brethren on the condition that in the *future* all who enter the ministry shall comply with the literary requirements of our Book. This might somewhat mitigate the evil, but there would be no certain guarantee against it. Many of the Presbyteries would be wholly composed, and many others would include a majority, of men whose education did not come up to our standard. It would be unreasonable, therefore, to suppose that such Presbyteries could be as cautious in granting dispensations, and as zealous in requiring strict compliance with our rules on this subject, as educated men would be. Indeed, some Presbyteries, it is to be presumed, would be wholly incapable of exercising such vigilance, even were they so disposed, for the want of qualifications themselves. How could a Presbytery of men, educated only in English literature, examine and pronounce upon a candidate in the Latin, Greek, and Hebrew languages? The thing is impossible. Here, therefore, are obstacles in the way of an organic union, which, with my present light, I am not able to overcome. Such a union, under present circumstances, would certainly *lower* our standard and *weaken* our prestige as an educated denomination; at a time, too, when the present advanced state of learning and the character of the times imperiously demand that we should take a step *forward* instead of one *backward*.

I have a very great respect for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and a high regard for some of their talented and learned ministers, and feel that our Church would be both benefited and honored by the acquisition of such men. But, at the same time, I do not yet see my way clear to recommend an organic union of the two bodies. I fear that the evils of such a coalescence would overbalance the good.

I am your fellow-servant in Christ, with fraternal affection.

JAMES A. LYON.

LETTER OF THE SYNOD OF KENTUCKY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT NASHVILLE.

The Synod of Kentucky to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, to meet in Nashville on the 21st day of November, A. D. 1867. Grace, mercy, and peace, be multiplied unto you.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN, BELOVED IN THE LORD: It is probably known to most of you, that for the space of seven years past, even from the period of the separation of the Southern churches from the churches of the North, the Synod of Kentucky and its Presbyteries have been disturbed with controversies upon issues raised by a series of acts of the residual Assembly, all, more or less, growing out of the deliverance which was prominent among the causes of the separation of the Southern from the Northern churches.

As a final result of these controversies, but with immediate reference to the act of the Assembly of 1867, declaring this Synod and its Presbyteries no longer a true Synod and Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church, the Synod of Kentucky, at sessions held in Lexington on the 28th day of June last, made the following among other declarations:

1. That the acts above recited, being in their nature schismatical, revolu-

tionary, and despotic, and in violation of all the covenants of the constitution, and destructive of the constitution itself, are null and void, and of no binding force upon the Presbyteries and churches; neither do they have any valid effect in depriving those who refuse to submit to them of any of their rights, either ecclesiastical or civil, as guaranteed in the constitution.

2. That from the moment of the passage, by the late Assembly, of that act, by which the constitutional representatives of twelve Presbyteries—composing two large Synods, and covering the whole of the States of Kentucky and Missouri, embracing some 150 ministers, 250 churches, 500 ruling elders, and 15,000 communicants—were excluded from their seats in the Assembly, and certain persons admitted to those seats coming from bodies unknown to the constitution of the Church, unprecedented in her history, and under the operation of an act (the *ipso facto* order of 1866) utterly subversive of the fundamental principles of Presbyterian government, as laid down in the word of God; and all this manifestly and avowedly for the accomplishment of an unlawful and cruel purpose against certain ministers and elders in the Church—that body ceased any longer to be a constitutional General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and became a schismatical and revolutionary body, no longer governed by, or representative of, the constitution, but controlled simply by the will of the majority.

3. That the General Assembly, having thus abandoned the constitution and broken its covenants, and having assumed to itself the character and powers of an hierarchical autocracy, and having thus, by its own acts, separated itself from the Synod and the Presbyteries which compose it, and those who with us are standing fast by the word of God and the constitution of the Presbyterian Church, this Synod now makes solemn declaration of this fact upon its records, and further declares that in its future action it will be governed by this recognised sundering of all its relations to the aforesaid body by the acts of that body itself.

4. That, nevertheless, this Synod, with its Presbyteries, churches, and people, still true to the native instincts of a genuine Presbyterianism, and unwilling to stand isolated from their brethren, desires still to be in communion and organic union with all who maintain the principles of church order so dear to our fathers and so dear to us; and it becomes a first duty to ascertain whether such union can be formed, and to what extent.

5. That there is doubtless a remnant scattered throughout the bounds of the Northern General Assembly itself, which will in due time avail itself of the opportunity of uniting with the excluded Synods of Kentucky and Missouri in a common alliance with all who maintain the non-political sphere of the Church, and the supremacy of the constitution in the work of extending once more the true Old School Presbyterian Assembly over the whole country.

6. That the Synod rejoices in the belief that the Southern Presbyterian churches and church courts have, in a good degree, preserved pure and unimpaired the constitutional Presbyterianism of the undivided Church from 1837 to 1861, as appears from the official acts of the Southern Assembly in 1861, and again in 1865 and 1866; in the latter deliverance, proposing the very principles for which this Synod has contended as the platform upon which to unite all of like principles against the Erastian tendencies of the Protestantism of these times. And, in the judgment of this Synod, this state of facts suggests the inquiry whether this large and completely organised body of Southern Presbyterians does not present the proper and desirable nucleus around which may rally all the true Old School Presbyterianism of the country, and whether immediate steps should not be taken to bring about this general alliance of the several portions of true Presbyterians, if they are satisfied that the Southern churches are standing fast to these great principles, as speedily as their circumstances severally will permit.

7. That it is our desire to unite and co-operate with the Presbyteries and Synod of Missouri in maintaining the constitution of the Church and our joint rights covenanted therein, and of perpetuating the Old School Presbyterian Church in the United States, as that Church existed from 1837 to 1861 inclusive.

8. That a committee be appointed to take into consideration this whole subject, and prepare and report for the consideration of Synod, at its stated meeting in October next, a carefully considered statement of the doctrines and principles for which this Synod and its Presbyteries have been contending in the controversies with the General Assembly during seven years past—particularly the principles maintained by this Synod in the interpretation of our standards touching the spiritual and non-political nature and functions of the Church, the limitation of the powers of the General Assembly, and the incompetency of any court of the Church to add to or subtract from the terms of ministerial and Christian communion therein, with a view to lay the same before the General Assembly to be holden in Nashville in November next, as the basis of a covenant upon which this Synod may form an organic union with that body.

9. That, at its stated meeting in October next, this Synod will appoint delegates to attend upon the sessions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, to meet at Nashville in November next, for the purpose of expressing to that body our fraternal greetings, and opening with them a correspondence. And we invite the Synod of Missouri to unite with us in sending similar delegates to that body, to the end that the way may be prepared for an organic union between these Synods and that General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, at as early a day as such union can be effected without detriment to any of the interests of the several parties.

In accordance with the spirit and tenor of the foregoing declarations, and in obedience to the specific instructions of the Synod, the committee appointed under the eighth of the foregoing declarations, have prepared and reported, and this Synod after due consideration has solemnly adopted the following statement of the acts of the Assembly upon which the issues have been raised, and of the doctrines and principles maintained by this Synod and its Presbyteries, and which they desire to stand as their testimony for the truth and order of Christ's house, and to be substantially the basis of a covenant upon which the Synod of Kentucky may form an organic union with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

We deem it scarcely necessary, Fathers and Brethren, in view of the sixth of the foregoing declarations made in June last, to assure you that it is not because of any distrust of your faithfulness to those doctrines and principles that we have thought of this method of forming an organic union with you on the basis of a solemn covenant agreement to maintain the doctrines and constitutional principles set forth in this paper. But having been called in the providence of God to testify specially for these great doctrines and principles, even to the final sundering of the ecclesiastical ties that bound us to our brethren of the North, we deem it but a proper attestation of our earnestness and sincerity in bearing this testimony to claim for it record and acknowledgment as a part of the acts and monuments whereby, historically, the Church interprets its standards. Nor do we doubt for a moment that on solemn consideration of the signs of the times, and of the Erastian tendencies of our Presbyterianism both in the United States and Great Britain, you will gladly embrace the opportunity offered by so peculiar an occasion to join with us, should a union be formed, in a solemn covenanted testimonial to the truths for which in common we have been "contending earnestly as the faith once delivered to the saints;" and to erect in the historical records of the Church a monument which shall at once declare to those that come after us our appreciation of the inestimable value of these principles as the bulwark of the Christian liberty wherewith Christ sets his people free; and a definitely expressed statute testimony to which ready appeal may be made hereafter as direct authority in support of those who stand for the truth as it is in Jesus, against those who again may treacherously attempt to subvert the doctrine and order of Christ's house.

Of course we shall rejoice, if, in your consideration of this important matter, the Lord shall give you light and wisdom largely to improve upon the statement of the true doctrine as against the contrary errors which we here submit. It is far from our purpose to come to you submitting the terms of a covenant to be subscribed. We come to lay before you simply in brief outline, the substance in the testimony, which our circumstances and the practical issues raised

with us have compelled us to bear. We have no desire to procure the enactment *in these* of abstract statements of principles independent of any case arising to call for such deliverance. For we have ever recognised the wisdom of the general rule, that, having once accepted a constitution as fundamental law, it is incumbent upon the courts of the Church to attempt the determination only of such issues as may practically arise in the outworking of the system, and *in these* as few cases as possible.

With this preliminary explanation of its origin and purpose, we lay before you the following :

STATEMENT OF THE DOCTRINES AND PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH THE SYNOD OF KENTUCKY AND ITS PRESBYTERIES HAVE BEEN CONTENDING IN THE CONTROVERSIES WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, DURING THE PAST SEVEN YEARS.

1. To the end that the testimony of this Synod and its Presbyteries for doctrine and order may be more clearly understood, the following recital is made, specifically, of the more significant acts and deliverances of the General Assembly to which they have taken exception, and in reference to which their testimonies have been uttered.

1. The act of Assembly in 1861, known as the "Spring Resolutions," setting forth that "in the spirit of Christian patriotism which the Scriptures enjoin"—the Assembly declares its obligation to promote and perpetuate the integrity of the United States; to uphold and strengthen the Federal Government, and the *loyalty* of the Assembly to the Constitution. [Minutes 1861, pp. 329-330.]

2. The act of Assembly in 1862, known as the "Breckinridge Paper," declaring the wickedness of the rebellion in the Southern portion of the Union, and denouncing the traitorous attempt to overthrow the National Government as contrary to the *revealed will of God*; affirming that this is done contrary to the wishes of the immense majority of the people in whom the local sovereignty in the Southern States resided; affirming that it is the duty of the National Government to crush force by force, and of the people to uphold the Federal Government therein; denouncing, without naming, certain office-bearers and members of churches in loyal Synods and Presbyteries, as "faithless to all authority, human or divine;" and enjoining obedience to the civil government not only in overt act, but "in heart, temper, and motives, (as God's law is to be obeyed,) and as they shall answer at the judgment seat."

3. The elaborate minute of the Assembly of 1863, upon the subject of raising the United States flag over the church building in which the Assembly sat; re-affirming the doctrine of the obligation of the Church, as such, to proclaim her loyalty to the civil government. [Min. 1863, pp. 26 and 57.]

4. The various acts of 1864 :

First—The refusal to appoint a fast which providential circumstances seemed to call for, and the appointment of a thanksgiving instead, on the ground, as assigned by the mover and advocates of the substitute, that a fast-day appointment "will produce an unfavorable impression in Europe, and distress the Executive and his advisers at Washington." [Min. 1864, pp. 267, 270.]

Second—The enjoining of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, just on the eve of a Presidential election, for the special remembrance and repentance, among other things, of the sin of having voted for candidates of bad character against "candidates having every mental and moral qualification." [Min. 1864, p. 316.]

Third—The injunction to the congregations to petition the National Congress, as a means of getting an answer to prayer for deliverance from the assaults of a most groundless and wicked rebellion, to amend the Federal Constitution so as not only to acknowledge "God the supreme Lord and King over all the world," but the "Lord Jesus Christ as governor among the nations, and his revealed will as the supreme law of the land." [Min. 1864, p. 315.]

Fourth—The minute known as the "Stanley Matthews Paper," adopting the naturalistic views of the slavery question, and declaring the political co-

currences of the time to be providential revelations of the will of God that every vestige of slavery should be effaced; that the motive for the longer continuance of slavery has been taken away by the war of the slaveholding States in order to found an empire upon the corner-stone of slavery; expressing gratitude to God for overruling the wickedness and calamities of the rebellion to work out the deliverance of the country from the evil and guilt of slavery, and the desire for the extirpation of slavery; and recommending all in our communion "to labor earnestly and unweariedly for this glorious consummation to which human justice and Christian love combine to pledge them." [Min. 1864, pp. 298, 299.]

Fifth—The decisions in the case of the Rev. Dr. McPheeters and the Pine-street church, St. Louis, and of the Rev. Mr. Farris and ruling elder Watson and the St. Charles church, Missouri, [Min. 1864, pp. 311, 312.] in connexion with subsequent action in 1866, in reference to the proceedings of the Synod of Missouri in 1865, [Min. 1865, pp. 576, 577:] and also in 1866, giving the full sanction of the Assembly to the persecution of Christ's ministers who could not in conscience consent to pervert their office and position to the support of a political party; and formally sanctioning the principle that a Presbytery and Synod organised under a Provost Marshal, and its members forbidden to take seats till qualified by a military oath, is a free and lawful court of Jesus Christ.

5. The acts of Assembly in 1865, enforcing the principles of all the foregoing acts as a part of the standing law of the Church, thus:

First—Condemning the Synod of Kentucky for taking exception to the Assembly's Paper on slavery in 1864, and because the Synod "had wholly failed to make any deliverance calculated to sustain and encourage our Government in its efforts to suppress a wanton and wicked rebellion." [Minutes 1865, p. 541.]

Second—The order to the Board of Missions to appoint as missionaries "none but those that give satisfactory evidence of their loyalty to the national Government, and that they are in cordial sympathy with the General Assembly in its testimony on doctrine, loyalty, and freedom." [Minutes 1865, p. 554; Comp., pp. 586, 590.]

Third—The order to all the lower church courts, requiring the examination of ministers and church members coming from any of the Southern States, and making it a condition precedent to admission to the church courts and churches that they confess as sinful certain opinions before held touching "State Rights," rebellion, and slavery, not in harmony with the previous political utterances of the Assembly. [Minutes 1865, p. 566.]

Fourth—The minute of the same Assembly, declaring untrue that the Southern churches had organised a General Assembly "in order to render their aid in the attempt to establish, by means of the rebellion, a separate national existence to conserve and perpetuate the system of slavery—a great crime against the Government and against God"—and therefore declaring the Assembly's purpose to ignore the existence of any Presbyterian Church in the Southern States, except such churches and Presbyteries as are loyal to the Government of the United States, and to the Northern Presbyterian Church, and whose views are in harmony with its views on the subject of domestic slavery. [Minutes 1865, p. 506.]

6. The acts and deliverances of the General Assembly of 1866, ordaining the execution of the orders of 1865:

First—The exclusion of the commissioners of the Presbytery of Louisville from their seats in the Assembly by simple resolution, without hearing, and on premises whose statements were utterly false, and one of them defamatory of a minister in good standing. [Minutes 1866, p. 12.]

Second—The act ordering certain persons—some of them under process before the church session, and their case under careful consideration before the Presbytery—to be recognised as elders of the Walnut-street church, without the possibility of any knowledge on the part of the Assembly whether they had been duly elected and were lawful ruling elders or not. [Minutes 1866, p. 54.]

Third—The peremptory expulsion of the commissioner of another Presbytery from a seat in the Assembly, by mere resolution, on the ground that he had, as a reporter of proceedings, written a letter offensive to another member. [Minutes 1866, p. 58.]

Fourth—The resolution and proceedings initiating steps for organic re-union with the New School body in utter disregard of the testimonies of 1837-'8, against errors which not only the New School body had not by any public act renounced, but, on the contrary, had added to largely, by its monstrous Erastian deliverances on the state of the country in 1863, '64, and '65, and the monstrous deliverance just then made, endorsing the civil rights bill and negro suffrage as against the President, and calling for more blood in "the condign punishment of the chief fomenters of the rebellion." [Proceedings of May 25, 1866.] And the further proceedings toward the consummation of the re-union in acts of Assembly of 1867.

Fifth—The action of the same Assembly known as "the Gurley *ipso facto* Order," declaring, first, the Declaration and Testimony to be slanderous and schismatical, then summoning its signers directly to the bar of the next Assembly for trial, without other citation or other tabling of charges; devising penalties unknown to the constitution, and utterly incongruous to the Presbyterian theory of the teaching-rulers, for the signers of the Declaration and Testimony; and declaring the *ipso facto* dissolution of Presbyteries which refused to execute this unlawful penalty; also, the pastoral letter and the memorial adopted by the Assembly in reference to the same general subjects. [Minutes 1866, pp. 60, 61.]

7. The action of the Assembly of 1867 in executing a penalty of disobedience to the orders of 1865:

First—The adoption of the Eucyclopædic Act of the Assembly, known as the "Report of the Committee of Ten," whereby were crowded into one indistinguishable mass the judicial cases of near two hundred men, formally summoned to the Assembly: cases of appeal referred to this by the preceding Assembly; cases of irregularities and revolutionary proceedings in Presbyteries and Synods; cases of contested seats in the Assembly; solemn memorials and remonstrances of Presbyteries and individuals; all these passed upon without any of the usual forms of hearing and trial, by one sweeping sentence of outlawry of two Synods and twelve Presbyteries of the Church.

Second—The several actions, in accordance with the foregoing, for depriving the churches of Kentucky of their property and the control of the schools which their piety and liberality had founded—to all of which acts reference has already been made, with its judgment concerning them, in the Synod's action in June last.

STATEMENT OF DOCTRINES AND PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH THE SYNOD OF KENTUCKY AND ITS PRESBYTERIES HAVE CONTENDED IN THE CONTROVERSIES WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS ADOPTED BY THE SYNOD OCT. 11, 1867.

II. Still further to the end that the testimony of this Synod and its Presbyteries may be more clearly understood, and to guard it from the perversions and misrepresentations of their adversaries, it is hereby declared, once for all, that in their various protests and testimonies against the acts and deliverances of Assembly just recited, the Synods and Presbyteries of Kentucky have not meant, "as they be slanderously reported," to deny any of the following propositions:

Either, First—To deny that civil government is the ordinance of God, and the magistrate God's minister, in the natural order, as are the church officers, in the spiritual order, for the protection of the good and the repressing of the lawless and wicked.

Or, Second—To deny that the Church may not properly enjoin obedience in the discharge of their duties, as citizens and subjects, to the civil government, within its sphere.

Or, Third—To deny that the State, as a *natural institute*, should acknowl-

edge "God the King and Ruler," as he makes himself known to the State in the natural order, and to man as his creature, "showing the work of the law written in his heart, his conscience also bearing witness, and who may clearly see his eternal power and Godhead by the things that are made."

Or, Fourth—That the State may enforce the law of God as made known in the natural order through the impressions of man's moral nature, and the ethical truths clearly deducible from the acknowledged existence of God the Creator, and the relations to him of man the creature; whom "the light of nature sheweth that there is a God who hath lordship and sovereignty over all."

Or, Fifth—That the Church should have cognizance of crimes against the law of the State, as they may be sins against God, which affect, spiritually, the subjects of her spiritual discipline; the Church having in view to restore such a one in the spirit of meekness.

Or, Sixth—To deny that the Church may properly appeal to the civil courts—whose business it is to protect life, liberty, and property—for the protection, against the lawless and unjust, of property given in trust to her, as they protect any other property; or that the Church should protest against any intrusion of the civil government into the sphere of the spiritual, which has been assigned by her Head to her jurisdiction.

Neither, again, in respect of the interpretation of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, have this Synod and its Presbyteries intended to deny any of the following propositions:

Either, First—To deny that the power of the supreme court, representing the power of the whole Church, is, within the limit of Christ's laws, over the power of the lower courts representing a part.

Or, Second—To deny that individual members and lower courts should "receive with reverence and submission" the decrees and determinations of superior councils, "*if consonant to the word of God*," "not only for their agreement with the word, but also for the power whereby they are made, as being an ordinance of God appointed thereunto in his word."

Or, Third—To deny that the power of the General Assembly, as the power of all other courts and office-bearers, is primarily from Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, and only in a secondary sense derived from the constitution; and that only as it is a delegated body are the Presbyteries the fountain of power to the General Assembly.

Neither, again, in respect of the questions which have given occasion for the foregoing acts and utterances of the General Assembly, has this Synod and its Presbyteries felt called upon either to affirm or deny any one of the following propositions:

Either, First—That the political acts of the Southern States were right, or the contrary.

Or, Second—That the course of the Federal Government was just, wise, and magnanimous, or the contrary.

Or, Third—That the political theory of State Rights is the true theory of the Federal Constitution, or the contrary.

Or, Fourth—That the institution of slavery was in accordance with natural justice and in itself desirable, or the contrary.

III. But, as against certain errors involved in the above recited acts and deliverances of the General Assembly—in part errors of doctrine concerning the nature and functions of the Church, as related to Christ, her Lawgiver and King, on the one hand, and to the civil government on the other; in part errors of interpretation of the constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; in part acts of usurpation, and claims of prerogatives dangerous to the liberty of the Church, and liberty of conscience—as against these errors the Synod of Kentucky and its Presbyteries have affirmed and now desire to have solemnly recorded, as part of the accepted historical interpretations of the doctrine and order of the Presbyterian Church, the following statements, substantially, concerning the doctrine of the Church of God and the constitutional principles of the Presbyterian Church.

As against what they deem to be latitudinarian, or, at least, inadequate views of the nature of church power, which rests directly upon the doctrine that

Jesus Christ is now actually ruling in his visible Church, and acting through his appointed office-bearers, they have maintained :

I. CONCERNING THE DOCTRINE OF THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST, AND THE MANNER IN WHICH CHRIST EXECUTETH THE OFFICE OF A KING IN HIS VISIBLE CHURCH :

That our standards declare, in accordance with the word of God :

"Christ executeth the office of a king in calling out of the world a people to himself, and giving them *officers, laws, and censures*, by which he visibly governs them." [Larger Catechism, Q. 45.]

And, that this very clear and explicit statement of the *jure divino* character of all that essentially pertains to the government and discipline of the Church is the true key to all the more detailed statements of our standards concerning church government, viz. :

That "the Lord Jesus, as King and Head of his Church, hath therein appointed a government in the hand of church officers distinct from the civil magistrate." And "to these officers the keys of the kingdom of heaven are committed." [Conf., ch. 30 : 1, 2.]

That "it belongeth to the overseers and other rulers of the particular churches, by virtue of their office and the power which Christ hath given them for edification, and not for destruction, to appoint such assemblies and to convene together in them." That of these assemblies, the "decrees and determinations, if consonant to the word of God, are to be received with reverence and submission—not only for their agreement with the word, but also for the power whereby they are made, as being an ordinance of God, appointed thereto." [Conf., ch. 31 : 1, 2.]

Which several statements, substantially, are more summarily presented in the ancient Confession of the Church in these and like statements :

"This power ecclesiastical is an authority granted by God the Father through the Mediator Jesus Christ to his Church gathered and having its ground in the word of God.

"The policy of the Church flowing from this power is an order or form of spiritual government which is exercised by the members appointed thereto by the word of God."

In the light of these doctrinal statements, and as necessary inferences from them—this Synod and its Presbyteries have maintained :

That the doctrine of the kingly office of Christ is no abstract theory of theology, but of the very first practical importance in the gospel system; since to his office as a king his prophetic and priestly offices stand related as means to an end. He is a teaching prophet and an atoning priest that he may be a reigning king. And his kingly office stands related to the government and discipline of the Church as his prophetic and priestly offices to the ordinances of the word and sacraments. While, indeed, the acceptance of the doctrine of his kingly office is not essential to the faith that is unto salvation in the sense in which the acceptance of the doctrine of his priestly office as exhibiting our justifying righteousness is essential, yet the obligation to present truly the doctrine of Christ's kingly office in the government and discipline of the Church to the faith of his people, is of like force with the obligation to present truly the doctrine of his prophetic and priestly offices in the word and sacraments.

That, therefore, the avoidance of all admixture of human maxims, policies, and expediences in the administration of the government and discipline of the Church, is a duty of the same obligation as to avoid the admixture of human philosophies and theories with the dispensation of the word, or of human fancies with the dispensation of the sacraments.

That it is therefore not only incompetent to the church courts, but positively a perversion of the truth, that they shall assume to consider and determine any other questions than those which relate to the government, order, and discipline of Christ's visible kingdom, or to determine these on grounds aside from the word of God; or to speak in Christ's name and by his authority.

otherwise than to the faith and conscience of his people concerning things to be obeyed as enjoined by the law of Christ. Since, according to our standards, even though "there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God and government of the church common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence;" yet even these must "be ordered according to the general rules of the word, *which are always to be observed.*" [Conf., chap. 1: 6.]

That, therefore, the attempt on the part of tribunals of the Church to exercise the authority thus delegated to them by Christ in determining questions merely secular, concerning which his word makes no such determination, is "to usurp the prerogatives of the Church's Divine Master;" and, practically, to obscure to the faith of his people the doctrine of his kingly office; just as the attempt to determine by the spiritual authority questions of Christian faith and practice on the ground of human opinions and theories of human expediences, is practically to obscure to the faith of his people Christ's prophetic office. For, precisely in harmony with their view of his kingly office in the Church, our standards declare: "Christ executeth the office of a prophet in revealing *to the Church in all ages*, by his Spirit and word, *in divers ways of administration, the whole will of God* in all things concerning their edification and salvation." [Larger Cat. Q. 48.]

In full accordance with these views of the doctrine of Christ's kingly office in his Church, this Synod and its Presbyteries have maintained:

2. CONCERNING THE ORIGIN, NATURE, AND FUNCTIONS OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT, AS CONTRASTED WITH, AND RELATED TO, THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

That, according to our standards, "the visible Church consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion, together with their children, and is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, the house and family of God, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation. Unto this catholic visible Church, Christ hath given the ministry, oracles, and ordinances of God, for the gathering and perfecting of the saints in this life, to the end of the world, and doth by his own presence and Spirit, according to his promise, make them effectual thereunto. There is no other head of the Church but the Lord Jesus Christ." (Conf., chap. 25 : 2, 3, 6.) "And the Lord Jesus, as king and head of his Church, hath appointed a government in the hand of church officers, distinct from the civil magistrate." (Conf., chap. 30 : 1.) "These assemblies ought not to possess any civil jurisdiction. Their power is wholly moral or spiritual, and that only ministerial and declarative." (Form of Gov., chap. 8 : 2.) And these "Synods and councils are to handle or conclude nothing but that which is ecclesiastical, and are not to intermeddle with civil affairs, which concern the commonwealth." (Conf., chap. 31 : 4.)

And as it is the Lord Christ, who, in the execution of his mediatorial office of king, "in calling out of the world a people to himself, and giving them officers, laws, and censures, whereby he visibly governs them," gives the Church power; so, on the other hand according to our standards:

It is "*God as the supreme Lord and King of the world*, who hath ordained civil magistrates to be under him over the people for his own glory and the public good, and to this end hath armed them with the power of the sword for the defence and encouragement of them that are good, and for the punishment of evil-doers."

But "civil magistrates may not assume to themselves the administration of the word and sacraments, or the power of the keys of the kingdom of heaven, or in the least interfere in matters of faith." And, as the rule for guidance in this government is, primarily, not the revealed word, but the light of nature, so "infidelity or difference in religion doth not make void the magistrate's just and legal authority, nor free the people from their due obedience to him." (Conf., chap. 23 : 3, 4.)

This account of these two separate ordinances of government for men, as differing fundamentally, in that the one is from Christ, as mediatorial king and

head of his elect people, the other from "God, the supreme king and ruler of the world;" and in that the one contemplates men as sinners, related to God the Saviour; the other, men as creatures, related to God the Creator—is thus summarily expressed in the ancient Confession:

"This power and policy ecclesiastical is different and distinct in its own nature from that power and policy which is called the civil power, and appertains to the civil government of the commonwealth."

"For this power ecclesiastical flows immediately from God and the Mediator Jesus Christ, and is spiritual."

Furthermore, as these two governments thus differ in their origin, nature, and purpose, so, according to our standards, they have, as already intimated, primarily, a different rule to guide their action. As to the rule to guide the Church, it has already been said, "Christ executeth the office of a prophet in revealing to the Church in all ages, by his Spirit and word, in divers ways of administration, the whole will of God in all that concerns their edification and salvation." (Larger Cat. Q. 43.)

So, again, "God alone is Lord of the conscience, and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are in anything contrary to his word, or beside it in matters of faith or worship." (Conf., chap. 20: 2.)

So, again, "The supreme Judge, by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men, and private spirits, are to be examined, and in whose sentence we are to rest, can be no other but the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture." (Conf., 1: 10.)

On the other hand, touching the light which all men have as a rule to guide in the administration of civil government, our standards teach, in accordance with the express declaration of Scripture, that:

"The light of nature shows that there is a God who hath lordship and sovereignty over all; is good and doeth good unto all; and is, therefore, to be feared, loved, praised, trusted in, and served with all the heart." (Conf., 21: 1.)

"The light of nature and the works of creation and providence do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men inexcusable." (Conf., 1: 1.)

"The Gentiles having not the law are a law unto themselves: which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness. (Rom., 2: 14, 15.) Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them, for God hath showed it unto them, (Rom. 1: 19;) so that they are without excuse." (Rom. 1: 20.)

"Some circumstances concerning the worship of God and government of the Church, common to human actions and societies, are to be ordered by the light of nature." (Conf. 1: 6.)

"Infidelity or difference in religion doth not make void the magistrate's just and legal authority, nor free the people from their due obedience to him." (Conf., 23: 4.)

This difference in the rule and the subject matter of the two orders of government, the ancient Confession expresses summarily thus:

"Therefore this power and policie of the Kirk should lean upon the word immediately as the only ground thereof.

"The magistrate commands external things for external peace and quietness amongst the subjects. The minister handles external things only for conscience sake." "The magistrate handles external things only, and actions done before men. But the spiritual ruler both inward affections and external actions in respect of conscience by the word of God."

"The magistrate claims and gets obedience by the sword and other external means. But the minister by the spiritual sword and spiritual means."

From these teachings of our standards touching the fundamental difference—in origin, rule of guidance, nature, functions, and design—between the spiritual and the temporal power, this Synod and its Presbyteries have maintained as against the assumption of the church courts, on the one hand, to entertain and determine questions of civil policy, and of the civil government, on the other

hand, to determine questions of worship and the qualifications of members of church courts :

That, though both governments are of divine institution, one immediately, the other mediately, and both may exercise their authority severally over the same persons in different capacities, and both have in view, as their end, the glory of God ; yet they move in spheres altogether extrinsic to each other.

That the Church of God is a *supernatural institute*, immediately of supernatural origin and authority. Whereas the State is a *natural institute*, only mediately of divine authority, and growing out of the social constitution for which man was created and fitted.

That the laws and ordinances of the Church are all in the *supernatural order*, directly revealed by the Spirit and word of Christ to his kingdom ; whereas the laws and ordinances of the State are in the *natural order*, framed and fashioned by the natural intelligence of men, as guided by the light of nature.

That the Church is a supernatural agency for the spiritual interests of man as immortal, here and hereafter ; whereas the State is a natural agency for the promotion of man's temporal interests of life, liberty, and property.

That the Church's lawgiver and head, speaking through these ordinances and laws by the men whom he calls, qualifies, and commissions, is the Lord Jesus Christ ; whereas the head and lawgivers of the State are men—such rulers as the people clothe with authority to represent and rule over them, and who speak in the name of the people.

That the subject of church government is man contemplated as a sinner ; whereas the subject of civil government is man contemplated as a creature.

That the constituent elements of the spiritual commonwealth are the elect of God, the families that call upon the name of the Lord, whom Christ covenants to redeem ; whereas the constituent elements of the civil commonwealth are the families of men as citizens indiscriminately, which it aims to protect in their rights by repressing the lawless and wicked.

That the efficient power of the Church is the power of the keys, the ministry of the word and ordinances, aiming to gain a voluntary obedience by moral suasion ; whereas the efficient power of the State is the power of the sword to enforce a compulsory obedience, having special reference to the repression of the lawless.

That the laws and ordinances of the Church deal with the wrong actions of men as *sins* against God ; whereas the laws and ordinances of the State deal with the wrong actions of men as misdemeanors and crimes against men.

That the laws and ordinances of the Church are in their nature *disciplinary*—a means of grace, and designed to realise the idea of grace ; whereas the laws of the State are in their nature *vindictory*, for the suppression of wickedness by an appeal to fear, and are designed to realise the idea of justice.

That, therefore, the Church has manifestly no commission either to discharge any functions of the State, or to direct, advise, or assist the State ; nor has the Church any light in regard to the affairs of the State which the State has not already ; nor, since her authority is spiritual, and resting on moral suasion only, has it any adaptation to the purposes of a government of force. Neither can the State have any commission from God to discharge the functions of the Church, nor the ability to do so ; since—aside from the fact that its compulsory power is inapplicable to things of religion—even though the State may have the advantage of the inspired word of God current among its citizens, to give additional clearness and force to the teachings of nature and reason ; yet the State has not the special illumination of the Holy Spirit, which alone can interpret the word for the purposes of the Church. Nor is anything plainer from experience than that the unconverted statesman, accepting the word of God intellectually merely, however he may thereby be made wiser as to natural things, is not made more competent to legislate for the Church, than though he were merely a refined and enlightened pagan. Nor has anything more certainly tended to enfeeble the spiritual life of the Church, than the mistake of courting the favor and seeking the alliance of rulers and statesmen, who merely accept intellectually, and therefore treat respectfully, the word of

Christ and his ordinances. as though thereby the kingdom of Christ can be strengthened.

Hence this Synod and its Presbyteries have steadfastly protested against and resisted the assumption of authority by the church courts, to advise, direct, and assist the civil government in its policy by the exercise of their spiritual authority, or to interpose the power of the spiritual sword for enforcing any theories of social organisation, or theories of labor, or political theories, or to direct men as citizens in the choice of their civil policy.

And, on the other hand, they have protested against and resisted every invitation by the church courts to the State to assume and every assumption by the State to direct the ordinances of worship in God's house, or to interfere with the conscientious convictions of men, so long as those convictions did not develop themselves in overt acts. For our great civil "Act establishing Religious Freedom," nobly declares, as defining the limits of the civil power: "It is time enough for the rightful purposes of civil government for its officers to interfere, when principles break out into *overt acts* against peace and good order."

In full accordance also with the foregoing views of the doctrine concerning the kingly office of Christ in his Church, this Synod and its Presbyteries have maintained:

3. CONCERNING THE POWERS OF THE SEVERAL COURTS OF THE CHURCH. THEIR RELATIONS TO EACH OTHER AND TO THE OFFICE-BEARERS AND PEOPLE.

That, while "it is lawful and agreeable to the word of God that the Church be governed by several sorts of assemblies, congregational, classical, and synodical;" and that "there should be a subordination of congregational, classical, provincial, and national assemblies, for the government of the Church;" and this for the reason "that the several different congregations of believers, taken collectively, constitute one Church of Christ, called, emphatically, the Church; that a larger part of the Church, or a representation of it, should govern a smaller, determine matters of controversy which arise therein." [Form of Gov., ch. 12—note.] That is, that the power of the assembly representing the whole should be over the power of the assembly representing a part—yet not so over it as claiming concurrent jurisdiction with it, but simply as appellate and corrective of the exercise of its power. Since the power of the whole is also in every part, and the same promise of the special presence of the Lord Christ is made to the "two or three" gathered to determine the case of the offending brother, as to the apostolic college representing the whole Church. [Compare Matt. 18: 15-20 with Matt. 28: 20.]

And they have maintained, also, that "all church power, whether exercised by the body in general, or in the way of representation by delegated authority, is only ministerial and declarative, and that all their decisions should be founded upon the revealed will of God;" and that "there is much greater danger from the usurped claim of making laws than from the right of judging upon laws already made [in the Scriptures] and common to all who profess the gospel." [Form of Gov., chap. 1: 7.]

That "the Supreme Judge, by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils are to be examined, and *in whose sentence we are to rest*, can be no other but the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture." [Conf., chap. 1: 10.]

That "God alone is Lord of the conscience, and hath left it free from the commandments of men which are in any thing contrary to his word, or beside it in matters of faith or worship. So that to believe such doctrines, or to obey such commandments out of conscience, is to betray true liberty of conscience; and the requiring an implicit faith, and an absolute and blind obedience, is to destroy liberty of conscience and reason also." [Conf., chap. 20: 2.]

In the light of these declarations of our standards, taken in connection with those before cited touching the execution of the kingly and prophetic offices of

Christ in his visible Church, this Synod and its Presbyteries have maintained in regard to the acts of the General Assembly against which they have protested :

First—That any acts and deliverances of the Assembly which involve a usurpation of powers by that body not assigned to the General Assembly in the constitution—which constitution we hold to be consonant to the word of God, and, therefore, that to transcend the constitution is to do also what is contrary to the word of God—or any acts and deliverances of the Assembly concerning questions of national or other civil policy—these being questions in the natural order which “God the Supreme Ruler” hath appointed to be determined by the civil magistrate, and questions which the Lord Christ, as King and Prophet of the Church, hath not determined in his word, except as questions of sin and of duty that concern the conscience—all such acts and deliverances are not only in themselves errors as transcending the powers of the Assembly and the sphere of the Church, but also as tending to obscure the great doctrine of the kingly and prophetic offices of Christ, as still executed in his visible Church.

That, therefore, while it is a duty to receive with reverence and submission all such decrees as are consonant to the word, yet such dangerous errors are not only to be silently disregarded as mere “commandments of men, to obey which would be to betray liberty of conscience,” but are to be testified against; and all claim of authority resting upon them is to be resisted, and this for the following considerations, to wit :

That “the Supreme Judge by which all controversies of religion are to be decided, and in whose decision we are to rest,” is not the supreme court, but “the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture.”

That it is the duty, more especially of every office-bearer and court of the church alike, to bear witness to the truth as against error, since to this obligation every office-bearer is held by his ordination vow to study the *purity* as well as the peace of the Church.

That it is expressly enjoined upon the Presbyteries, in the constitution itself, thus to bear witness for the truth; being required to “resolve questions of doctrine and discipline, and to *condemn erroneous opinions*.” Nor is there any limitation to the requirement, excluding from consideration any erroneous opinions because uttered by the General Assembly. On the contrary, they must for that very reason condemn the errors, since errors of the General Assembly more directly affect the purity and peace of their churches than the errors of any other.

That not only does the constitution enjoin it, but the Lord Christ, as we have seen, gives his special promise to be present with the lower court in its act not less than to be present “always” with those representing the whole Church. And there is every reason to hope that the Holy Spirit will use the faithful testimony of the lower court as the means whereby to extend in the Church a revival of love for the truth, and thereby restore it from error.

That, therefore, nothing is more absurd and dangerous to Christian liberty than the conception, by an utterly false analogy, that the office-bearers and lower courts are bound to obey as law, until repealed, an act that is unconstitutional, and, therefore, not consonant to the word of God, as citizens obey civil acts until repealed. Such a conception could occur only by reason of utter forgetfulness of all that our standards teach concerning liberty of conscience, and the non-obligatory character of decrees of councils that are not according to the word.

That it is an argument of no real force which urges, to the contrary of these views, that they open the door to constant acts of disobedience, resistance, and schism in the Church, and make church government impossible. Since, on the one hand, Christ the King reigns still in his visible Church, though his representatives may be unfaithful, and by his Spirit enlightening the minds of his people, he will in his own way and time heal the declensions and dissensions of his Church. And, on the other hand, still more is it true in ecclesiastical than in political governments, that “all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing forms of government to which they have long been accustomed.”

The long-suffering of this Synod, for seven years past, fully confirms this declaration; and the apparent unwillingness to resist even yet, on the part of many who are believed to concur with this Synod, and who at the beginning protested with it against the acts of the General Assembly as violations of the constitution and a usurpation of the prerogatives of the Church's Divine Master, afford still further melancholy proof of the long-suffering of Christian men in bearing with error and usurpation.

And, finally, while maintaining a steadfast opposition to the acts and deliverances of the Assembly already recited, as their testimony for the foregoing general doctrines concerning the Church, this Synod and its Presbyteries have, in the light of these doctrines, maintained the following principles:

4. CONCERNING THE INTERPRETATION OF OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND DISCIPLINE WITH REFERENCE TO THE FUNCTIONS, POWERS, AND MUTUAL RELATIONS OF THE COURTS OF THE CHURCH.

First—As to the functions and sphere of the General Assembly and other courts, they have maintained, and desire to have it recognised as the accepted interpretation, that the constitution of the Church assigns to the General Assembly no function to the end that it may counsel, direct, or assist the civil government.

That neither does the constitution assign to the Assembly any authority to consider and determine—as in the deliverances of 1861, 1862, 1863, and 1864, on the "State of the Country," the Assembly appears, and is understood, to have considered and determined—either:

Questions of the policy of the State touching its citizens, or of the duties of citizens, as such, in respect of the policy of the State;

Or, Questions between different interpretations of the Federal Constitution;

Or, Questions, not of duties towards the recognised Cæsar, but of deciding between rival Cæsars;

Or, Questions as between different theories of allegiance to the civil government;

Or, Questions concerning the social structure of different political communities, and their systems of labor;

Or, Questions touching the military duties and policy of the national Government, and the duties of citizens to uphold the Government in its policy.

Nor can they regard the pretence set up as a reason for considering and determining such questions, viz., "That certain civil acts rise up into the region of morals," otherwise than as an utter denial, in the face of our standards, that the State is competent to determine concerning the moral acts of its citizens, and a denial that the State has, in the natural order, any code of morals given of God, the Supreme Ruler, through reason and the light of nature, for the judgment of the moral acts of its citizens.

Second—They have maintained that the General Assembly committed direct acts of usurpation, more particularly in its enactments of 1865, 1866, and 1867:

In ordaining additional tests of ministerial and Christian communion in the acts of 1865; the more monstrous in that the tests to be applied relate to the sinfulness of certain political opinions; and still more monstrous, again, in that they are to be applied to ministers and church members of one geographical section of the Church, and not to those of like opinions in another.

In ordaining tests of ministerial qualification to missionaries not set forth in the constitution or in the word of God; and conferring inquisitorial powers for the application of the test upon a body unknown to the constitution.

In the arbitrary exclusion from their seats in the Assembly of the commissioners of a Presbytery, not only without hearing, but on statements as the premises of the action wholly untrue and defamatory of a minister in good standing. And also in making the exclusion on a ground that puts the Assembly itself and the constitution at the mercy of a factious majority at any time; and on the assumption that the right of representation in the Assembly is not

inherent in the Presbyteries, but derived, by grant of prerogative, from the Assembly, and held at its pleasure.

In assuming to order certain men to be recognised as ruling elders in a congregation, not only indirectly, in contempt of the congregation, but directly in contempt of the Presbytery and the Synod, before which courts their cases were pending and under careful consideration.

In assuming first to pronounce sentence upon a protest as a slander, and then to summon its signers individually to the bar of the next Assembly for trial, without form of citation or charges, in form, brought against them. In assuming to annex to the sentence thus pronounced without hearing a penalty unknown to the constitution, and directly at variance with the fundamental conception of the ministerial office in our Church, as a double office of teaching and ruling in the church courts, in ordering them to be stripped of a part of the inherent functions of their office by excluding them from Presbytery and Synod, and thus creating a nondescript semi-office-bearer in the Church—a presbyter disqualified to sit in a Presbytery, and yet a teacher and ruler of the congregation.

In ordaining a self-inflicting penalty of dissolution upon the Presbytery, which shall decline to be the executioner of the foregoing anomalous sentence, which, if obeyed, on the other hand, must operate a reconstruction of the Presbytery, with a view to future use as both judge and executioner—a form of penalty utterly eschewed by all free civil governments, and associated historically with the rule of tyrants only.

And as the final result of all these usurpations, and without hearing or form of trial, first excluding twelve Presbyteries, as before excluding the one, from representation in the Assembly, and next declaring two Synods, with their twelve Presbyteries—Synods and Presbyteries whose constitutional rights as part of the Church had never been questioned—to be no true Synods and Presbyteries.

This Synod and its Presbyteries have maintained that the claim set up by the General Assembly, incidentally in these cases of usurpation, and directly in other acts and deliverances, of the right to concurrent jurisdiction with the lower courts, and of general powers, under that, to “decide all controversies of doctrine and discipline, and the suppression of schismatical contentions,” to be exercised at discretion, and not according to the provisions of the Book of Discipline, are utterly subversive of our whole constitutional system. That the power of the Assembly, particularly, is over the exercises of the power of the lower courts, and not over the subjects of their jurisdiction. That it is only appellate, corrective, and reformatory of the exercises of their power by the lower courts; and that the exercise of this power is to be only according to the provisions of the Book of Discipline, which fully provides for every possible case in which it may be needful for the Assembly to take up and decide controversies or suppress schismatical contentions; since by the provision for general control, in cases wherein the lower courts prove unfaithful to duty, by the substitution of “common fame,” as appellant, complainant, or prosecutor, the cases of controversies and schismatical contentions may be brought before the Assembly precisely as appeals come, and thus be brought under all the provisions made for the exercise of the Assembly’s appellate power. No such anti-constitutional principle can be tolerated by Presbyterianism, as the exercise of powers at discretion, and not directed by the constitution.

In like manner, this Synod and its Presbyteries have maintained that all theories of power by prerogative or otherwise descending by grant from the General Assembly to the lower courts, as well as all theories of the spiritual, like the civil power, being granted by the people, are utterly inconsistent with the great truth, that the source of all spiritual power is in the Lord Christ, who visibly rules in the Church, and therefore in the tribunals, in which, both inferior and supreme, he hath vested the power by that promise, made alike to the church session and the Assembly—his promise, “I am with you.”

This Synod and its Presbyteries have maintained, however, that while the source of power in all the courts alike is Jesus, the King, who rules in them and through them; yet the constitution of the Presbyterian Church, in accord-

ance with the word of God, assigns to the courts respectively their several powers and duties, and prescribes the mode in which these powers are to be exercised. In this respect it is a solemn covenant before God between the people, the office-bearers, and the courts. The claim, by any court, to exercise powers not assigned to it, is a breach of the covenant.

In its human aspect, this constitution is a charter covenant, under which franchises are enjoyed and property vested for the maintenance of a certain system of doctrine and order. The claim to exercise powers not assigned involves also a breach of contract and dishonest dealing in temporal things with those who have joint interest under the charter. Both divine and human law is therefore infringed by such acts of usurpation as those against which these protests have been uttered. The dishonesty becomes simply monstrous when men are declared to have no longer any interest in the charter, because they have protested against gross violations of it.

Such are substantially the general doctrines concerning the Church, and the principles of the constitution for which this Synod and its Presbyteries have testified during the recent struggle with the General Assembly. They are manifestly doctrines and principles fundamental in the system of Presbyterianism. And the fact that they should have been so little regarded under the first exposure of our system to the storms of national revolution would seem to be a providential indication, pointing to the necessity of a re-statement of them—perhaps in a manner fuller, clearer, and more forcible than here presented—to stand as a guide in the future among the historical interpretations of our constitution.

This Synod feels unwilling to enter into organic union with any large and powerful organisation again without some such guarantee to its churches and people against troubles in future, similar to those just passed through, from want of a clear understanding that the Church shall have no political alliance; that the constitution is supreme—not the accidental majority of an Assembly; and that this constitution not only assigns their powers to the courts, but prescribes the mode of their exercise, and thus fully protects the great Protestant doctrine of private judgment and liberty of conscience.

J. T. HENDRICK. Moderator.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATION.

The Executive Committee of Publication respectfully presents its Sixth Annual Report to the General Assembly; and in so doing, it has renewed occasion for the expression of gratitude and humble thankfulness to that gracious Providence who has preserved the lives and health of all the members during another year, and has permitted them to discharge the trusts committed to them by the Church and her great Head without interruption, and with many manifestations of increasing usefulness.

The active operations of the last year far transcend, in magnitude and importance, the results of the year preceding; but still they come far short of reaching the necessities of the Church, but more particularly of that portion of our country whose wants we are especially aiming to supply.

The work of rebuilding the foundations which had been destroyed has, however, gone steadily forward; the funds intrusted to the Committee have been used with a stringent economy, and once more, under the smiles of the divine favor, a degree of prosperity is ready to dawn on this branch of the Church's work, if that Church only proves faithful. This will be evident from a brief statement of our operations, and of our present condition.

OUR FINANCES.

The state of our finances will be seen from the Treasurer's report. The

whole receipts from donations were \$18,191.44; from the sale of books, \$13,944.62; from subscriptions to the *Children's Friend*, \$3,824.35—which, with the balance from last year of \$2,656.87, makes the whole available resources of the year \$38,617.38. During the same period, there has been expended for publications, \$21,343.21; for publishing the *Children's Friend*, \$3,541.84; for salaries, rent, clerk hire, travelling expenses, stationery, printing, postage, freight, and incidental expenses generally, \$14,012.68; making a total of \$38,697.78; showing a balance to be due the Treasurer of \$80.70.

We have outstanding claims against us to the amount of \$9,304.41; and there is due us on our books the sum of \$4,251.74; and there is charged to account of our book agents the sum of \$6,324.23. These two items added together make an offset of \$10,575.97 against this indebtedness.

The causes of this state of our finances are two, viz.: the yellow fever, which interrupted our business very seriously in the Southwest; and an unexpected and disastrous delay in the binding of the second edition of the Hymn Book, rendering it impossible for us to fill orders promptly or to send out our book agents on their mission. Some orders have been lying unfilled for several months, because we could not supply the kinds of books required; and so we have been kept out of the use of the money from their sale, which would otherwise have come into our treasury, and enabled us to meet our liabilities. We hope soon to surmount these difficulties and embarrassments, when our business will present a very gratifying state of progress, considering the times, the great poverty of our people, and the heavy expenses connected with the publishing business. This will be made more manifest when it is stated that the property and stock which we now have on hand, at 33 1/3 per cent. discount from the retail prices, is equal in value to the whole amount of donations received during the past two years; while a considerable portion of the stock cost us at the wholesale price a sum much in advance of this estimate. It will thus be seen that the Committee, by its economical arrangements, and the laboriousness of the officers and employees, has preserved the whole of the capital intrusted to it intact.

AGENCIES.

The General Assembly at Macon, Georgia, voted to this Committee an endowment, or business capital, of \$50,000. Up to our last annual report, about \$9,000 of this sum had been secured. This endowment, by the action of the Assembly, is made a separate fund, distinct from the ordinary collections of the churches; and to the Committee was left the duty of instituting the means of securing it. In order to effect this object, the Rev. A. P. Silliman, of the Synod of Alabama, was commissioned as a financial travelling agent of the Committee, and was instructed to commence his operations in the Southwest. He was advised to seek the co-operation of pastors and church sessions, and as far as possible to develop the interest as well as the resources of the parts of the Church visited by him. He entered on his laborious duties on the first of January, and, except when interrupted briefly on two occasions by providential affliction, he has prosecuted them steadily ever since. He has visited portions of the Synods of Nashville, Memphis, Mississippi, Texas, Alabama, and Georgia, with as great results as we had any right to anticipate. More than \$10,000 have already reached our treasury as the result of his agency, and we have great reason to hope that much fruit may be gathered in hereafter as the result of his labors, since in many places visited by him liberal friends of the cause have postponed making their donations to a subsequent day, owing to the straitness of the times.

The Committee has been reluctant to resort to any other agency for the collection of funds than the regular operation of our divine system of polity. But this fund was made a special one by the action of the Assembly itself, independent of, and in addition to, the annual collection taken in the congregations. And besides, the results have justified the Committee in what they did in this behalf. While the collections and donations made in response to the efforts of this agent alone amount to over \$10,000, the contributions from the churches and donations from all other sources have only been about \$7,000.

The Committee were led to believe that it would be impossible for them to execute the orders of the last Assembly without resorting to this means of raising the funds; and now the result of the year's operations justifies its foresight; for the whole amount received from other sources would not have been sufficient to bring out the first edition of the Hymn Book alone, even could it all have been used for that object. Hence it is manifest that the orders of the last Assembly could not have been carried out by this Committee for lack of funds, had not the labors of an agent been employed.

Moreover, the Rev. Samuel D. Stuart was commissioned by the Committee as a business agent, and was instructed to operate without the bounds of our Church—at first in New York and Philadelphia, if the way should be found clear, and afterwards in the border States among our friends there who sympathise with us. On sending out Mr. Stuart, a circular was issued, setting forth our objects and our wants in a very direct and simple manner.

After spending some six weeks in an almost fruitless effort to accomplish something—in New York chiefly—he was able to find no pecuniary response to his appeals. On reporting this fact to the Committee, he was promptly relieved of his embarrassing position, and sent to another field. Subsequently, a few donations were received in answer to his appeals—one of \$100, and others of smaller sums; in all, \$137.50. The expenses of his mission, in the meantime, were more than twice this sum.

At the urgent advice of distinguished brethren who were friendly to us, Mr. Stuart was subsequently sent to Kentucky and Missouri, where his labors not only resulted in bringing funds into our treasury, but in establishing business relations with all parts of that wide field. These are very gratifying results.

In this connection, it is important to state that the Secretary, with the concurrent advice of the Committee, visited the Synod of Texas, in session at Galveston on June 26th. That venerable court gave him, and the Rev. Dr. J. Leighton Wilson, the Secretary of Sustentation and of Foreign Missions, who was also present, a full opportunity to explain the plans of the Church, and to urge the claims of the objects intrusted to their care; and it was very manifest that these addresses, and the private interviews held with them, had a very animating effect on our Texas brethren. They are remote from the larger portion of the Church; the opportunities of intercourse are few and expensive; and the result was that an oppressive feeling of isolation had insensibly seized hold of many. It is believed that the intercourse enjoyed, the information conveyed and received, and the plans adopted, will exert a very salutary influence on the future of that Synod. Some of these plans have been interrupted by the prevalence of the yellow fever this fall in Texas; but the schemes of the Assembly are now fully understood and endorsed by that Synod, and we anticipate cordial co-operation with them all by our brethren there. Valuable results will undoubtedly follow.

PUBLICATIONS.

In our last annual report, we gave the issues of the year at 62,200; but it was then stated that a portion of these books were still in the bindery. On careful examination, it was ascertained that 9,500 books were still unbound, leaving the actual issue from the press by the Committee for that year, the number of 52,700 copies of different works. The result of our active operations in the publishing department, for this year, will be seen by the following table:

Books printed last year, but bound this year, - - -	9,500
Pamphlets, viz., Sermons, Book of Order, etc., - - -	5,600
Catalogues in pamphlet, - - -	6,400
Sabbath school and miscellaneous books, - - -	22,800
Question books and catechisms, - - -	12,025
Hymn Books, - - -	20,250
Songs of Praise, - - -	10,000

Making the total issues from the press, - - - 86,575

of which 5,000 copies of the "Songs of Praise" have not yet reached our ware-room, though they are bound and awaiting shipment. In addition to the

above, the aggregate issue of the *Children's Friend* for this year is 333,000 copies.

"THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND."

The publication of this Sabbath-school journal has been continued with gratifying manifestations of public approval. At our last annual report the subscription list had reached the number of 10,500 copies; but during that year the Methodist Episcopal Sabbath School Society of Richmond and its vicinity co-operated with us in its circulation. On the first of January last, the Methodist Church, South, recommenced the publication of their own Sabbath-school paper at Nashville, and the Richmond Society very properly withdrew from our support in order to sustain the enterprise of their own Church. The consequence was that our subscription list was reduced to between six and seven thousand. But since that time its circulation has steadily increased, and now we issue 16,000 copies of the semi-monthly edition, and 3,000 copies of the monthly edition; in all, 19,000. This number is a little in excess of the subscription list; the total number of subscribers being about 18,500. Owing to a reduction in the cost of press work, which is explained below, and to a fall in the price of printing paper, the Committee has reduced the subscription price of this little journal for the next year. It is now offered at the lowest terms at which any of the first class Sabbath-school papers of the country is offered to the public. Many of our people have been induced, by the straitness of the times, to withhold their support from the *Children's Friend*; because they could obtain these other little journals at a less cost. The Committee had no resources at command, on which to rely in publishing this paper, except the subscription money. It has always been offered as nearly at cost as the expense could be calculated; and the advantage of the increase of the circulation and of every favorable change in the prices of materials, has been promptly offered to our Sabbath-schools, and to our Christian families. Now the paper has reached the lowest price at which such periodicals are printed, even by the great national publishing houses, with their many facilities, their large resources, and the immense circulation of their periodicals. The hope is therefore indulged that all of our Sabbath-schools will now give us their countenance and support. The Committee has enjoyed many evidences, not only of the great acceptability of this journal, but also of its wide usefulness. It has stimulated thousands of persons, both youth and adults, to search the Scriptures; and it has been blessed of God in leading precious souls to the saving knowledge of Christ.

In view of these facts, the influence and authority of the General Assembly is invoked in aid of its more extended circulation, until this little journal shall become a welcome visitor to every family of our denomination.

The whole receipts for the *Children's Friend*, during the past year, have been \$3,824.35, and the expenses on its account have been \$3,541.83, leaving a balance of \$282.52, in addition to which, donations of the *Children's Friend* have been made to the amount of \$326.98, which amount is included in the donations elsewhere mentioned.

The cost of the *Children's Friend* has been enhanced by the difficulty of having it printed in the city of Richmond. There was no press of the kind required of an adequate size, and the small amount of work of that character done in the city did not justify publishers in making investments for that object. For the same reasons, the Committee has heretofore been compelled to have our book printing done in one of the great cities, which has caused us much inconvenience by making it necessary to have whole editions of books bound at once, whether needed or not; or otherwise to hire a ware-room in one of those cities in which to store our sheets until bound.

Owing to the inconveniences arising from these and other causes, the Secretary felt it necessary to do something to remedy the matter. The amount of capital promised the Committee rendered it improbable that the Assembly expected to buy machinery, or to adopt any other system than that heretofore adopted, which is to do all our work by contract. The demands on our treasury made it impossible to spare money to buy machinery at this time; and the amount of work which we at present require to be done would not keep a press employed

more than one-quarter of its time, even if the Committee owned one. Seeing no prospect of any remedy for the inconveniences under which we labored, the Secretary purchased a press on his own account, adequate for all the work we require, and has contracted to do the Committee's work at the Philadelphia published prices, which are much below the usual prices in Richmond. He has also contracted to transfer the press, etc., to the Assembly, whenever the Assembly shall so order it. The first result of this arrangement is, that the Committee is able to reduce the price of the *Children's Friend*, as already reported.

DONATIONS.

With the large work demanded at our hands, to supply the immediate wants of our Church, the Committee has not been able to do all that ought to have been done for the needy Sabbath-schools and destitute neighborhoods of our country. Nevertheless it has done what it could. Every application made in proper form has been granted; and our benefactions have gone to every State within the bounds of our Church, and into the Indian Territory. The aggregate amount of our grants has been \$2,839. Of this amount about one-half has been in our own publications; the rest has been in Bibles, tracts, and the publications of the Presbyterian Board, the American Sunday-School Union, the American Tract Society, the London Religious Tract Society, etc. The Bibles are partly a grant from the British and Foreign Bible Society, made at the close of the war; and partly a grant from the American Bible Society of \$195.13, made during the past year.

It would be gratifying to the Committee, did time and room permit, to quote from the letters received in response to these donations. With expressions of gratitude to the Committee as the organ of the Church's bounty, the letters received have cheered us with the knowledge that what we have been able to do, has had the effect of cheering the discouraged pastor, reviving the languishing Sabbath-school, animating the faith of the despondent Christian, and bringing the light of God's precious truth to shine with saving efficacy into benighted hearts.

During the year the expenses of our book agents have been \$115.08; which, added to the amount of donations, makes the amount of our benevolent operations \$2,954.08.

THE COLORED POPULATION.

Of the donations above alluded to, \$422.55 has been given for the benefit of our colored brethren, either for general distribution, or for Sabbath-school uses. Every application made for their benefit has been granted; and the Committee would gladly have done more had the opportunity presented itself. It cannot be denied that causes exist which make our colored neighbors distrustful of us, and but little disposed to look to us for aid. It is to be hoped that the practical knowledge they are acquiring on this subject will eventually dissipate the effects of the false instruction which they receive, and produce more wholesome results. In the meantime, the duty of Christians in the South, among whom this class of our population reside in the greatest numbers, is very plain; which is to do everything in our power to bring them under the influence of a pure gospel.

The last Assembly ordered the preparation of books for their especial benefit. This important duty has not been forgotten nor neglected. The means requisite to stereotype and print large editions of such works we have not had; but under our auspices a Primer, a First Book, and a Spelling Book have been prepared, well adapted to the end desired; and will be published as soon as we have the funds in hand to meet the expense.

AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER.

The Committee took under its consideration the establishment of a monthly newspaper, as an organ of communication between the Executive Committees of the Assembly and the lower courts and the churches; but after conference with the Secretary of the other objects whose Committees are located at Columbia, it was determined to refer the matter to this General Assembly. This

paper is especially needed by this Committee as a means of advertising its publications, of publishing additions to the catalogue, and of keeping its work directly before the whole Church. It is proposed to conduct it, if the Assembly shall so order, as other religious newspapers, the respective Committees occupying just so much room as may be necessary, the remainder to be occupied with ecclesiastical intelligence and matter strictly religious, to the exclusion of all controversy and everything secular and political. The object had in view is to combine the advantages of the *Home and Foreign Record* and the *American Messenger*. This matter is respectfully submitted to the Assembly.

BOOK AGENTS.

The plan adopted by the last Assembly has not yet had a very thorough trial, as but little has yet been done on the subject. About twenty have been commissioned, on the recommendation of their respective Presbyteries or Synods, or of corresponding members on behalf of their Presbyteries. Some of these have gone to work earnestly, and have shown their efficiency, justifying the wisdom of their appointment. Others of them have only recently been commissioned; and still others have failed to make us any report of their operations.

While the plan has not been thoroughly inaugurated, it has developed itself sufficiently to show that it requires revision in some respects. The Committee is not able to furnish large supplies of books, to lie idle for months, in charge of an inefficient agent; and hence authority is requested to withdraw the commission of any agents who may be found inefficient, or who fail to comply with our business regulations.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

The action of the last Assembly authorising the appointment of corresponding members of this Committee by the various Presbyteries, has met with universal favor, and we hope is destined to add much to the efficiency of this agency of the Church. The plan has already brought forth good; and if the brethren appointed to this position are generally as attentive to their trusts as some have already proved themselves to be, they will render much assistance to us in promoting this important work.

For aiding these brethren in discharging their duties, and at the request of several of them, the Committee prepared and published a letter of instructions, a copy of which is herewith submitted.

THE WANT OF FUNDS.

This expresses the great want of the Committee. Not only are the elementary books already alluded to awaiting publication, but many manuscripts have been examined and approved by the Committee, which we are compelled to withhold from the public because the funds are wanting. The orders of the last Assembly so far absorbed our funds that we were able only to stereotype one book besides the Hymn Book; and yet some of these books have been on hand more than a year, and the Committee has been very anxious to bring them out. We cannot do impossibilities. Without the funds, no work can be issued. But the impression seems to have gone abroad that this Committee was doing so well, it did not need money; and hence the contributions of the Church to it have fallen much below what we expected.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, we desire to ask the serious consideration of the General Assembly to the important interests intrusted to this Committee. The work does not diminish, but expands. The fields are white unto the harvest, and the call comes to us to thrust in the sickle and reap. We are not able to keep abreast with the work unless the Church shall exercise a more enlarged liberality to this cause. But we believe that the fault lies not wholly with our people. The pastors and supplies of our churches have been remiss in many instances in presenting this cause before their congregations. Let us all reconsider our duty, and enter upon it with a fresh consecration, looking for the

blessing of the King and Head of the Church. The work is his. It is a great honor he bestows upon us in allowing us to be his co-workers.

With a profound sense of our unfitness for so great responsibilities as he has given us, but with an abiding conviction of the great importance of this agency of the Church in disseminating the gospel of Christ, we surrender our trusts to the General Assembly, invoking on it and its deliberations the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

By order of the Committee.

E. THOMPSON BAIRD,
SECRETARY OF PUBLICATION.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF PUBLICATION.

Report of C. GENNET, Treasurer of Publication of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Treasurer of Publication reports his receipts for the year ending October 31st, 1867, to be as follows :

Balance from late Treasurer.....	\$	1,944	29
Balance from Depository.....		712	58
Donations.....	\$8,771	05	
Donations received by late Treasurer.....	27	82—	\$,798 87
Collected by general agents.....		9,392	57—
Sales of Publications.....		13,944	62
Subscriptions to <i>Children's Friend</i>		3,824	35—
			17,768 97
			\$38,617 28

DISBURSEMENTS.

Books and publications.....	\$21,343	27
<i>Children's Friend</i>	3,541	83
Salaries—Secretary.....	3,000	00
House rent for Secretary.....	1,000	00
Depository and Clerk.....	1,490	00
Treasurer.....	200	00—
General Agents' salary and travelling expenses.....	2,687	57
Travelling expenses of Secretary and Committee of Rev'n.....	529	60
Removing Secretary's family to Richmond.....	200	00—
General expenses.....	4,705	51—
		\$38,697 78
Balance due Treasurer.....		\$80 50

CHAS. GENNET, TREASURER.

The undersigned, charged with that duty by the Publication Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer, find them correct, and that the balance due him on the 1st of November, 1867, was eighty dollars and fifty cents.

J. M. HERNDON, }
B. R. WELLFORD. } Committee.

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MINISTERS.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Com. on ex.	Com. on cer.	Total Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Ch. in S. S. & B.C.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Sustentation.	Educa-tion.	Publi-cation.	Com'rs & Con. Fund.	Congrega-tional.	Miscol-laneous
G. W. Boggs, S. S.	Evergreen, Ala.	Evergreen, S. S.	10	13	15			170		200	1157	321	200	75	13063	1436
J. R. Burgett, D. D., P.	Mobile, "	Government St. Ch., P.			340											
J. N. Lewis, S. S.	Milton, Fla.	Bagdad, S. S.		20	20											
J. A. Walker, Miss.	Selma, Ala.															
I. H. Salter, Evangelist,	Lower Peach Tree, Ala.	Pensacola, P.			25											
W. A. Carter, P.	Pensacola, Fla.	Selma, P.			158											
W. J. Lowry, P.	Selma, Ala.	Fairview, P.			92											
J. S. Arbutnot, P.	Marion, "	Newbern, S. S.			14											
	Uniontown, "	Uniontown, S. S.			46											
	Mobile, "	3d Church, Mobile, P.		7	95		3	45		85	199	20	112	18	3502	
J. H. Rice, D. D., P.	Mobile, "															
Wm. Nell, City Missionary,	Lower P. Tree, Ala.	Hopewell, V.			50									8		
—19.	Monroeville, "	Scotland, V.			115											
	Airmount, "	Airmount, V.			33											
	Stockton, "	Baldwin, V.			12											
	Camden, "	Camden, V.			49											
	Rehoboth, "	Shell Creek, V.			64											
	Cahaba, "	Adams' Grove, S. S.			32		2			31	49		39	15	700	
	Richmond, "	Centre Ridge, V.			130											
	McKinley, "	McKinley, V.			17											
	Bell's Landing, Ala.	Bell's Landing, V.			22									5		
	Dayton, "	Dayton, V.			18											
	Clabourne, "	Clabourne, V.			15											
	Marion, "	Bethesda, V.		4	40		3							3	100	
	Shiloh, "	Laurel, V.			39		6							6		
	Ashville, "	Ashville, V.		4	10		2									
	Willcoxville, "	Scott's Grove, S. S.—30.		4	12	16	1								700	
Candidates—5.			45	44	2347	8	20	315		\$423	1511	441	\$411	\$234	\$10690	\$1595
3. Preb'y of Tuscaloosa.	Pleasant Ridge, Ala.	(infirm death.)														
G. W. B. Kennedy, W. C.	Eutaw, "	Bethsalem, S. S.			22											
N. R. Morgan, S. S.	Winchester, Va.															
R. B. White, D. D., W. C.	Gainesville, Ala.	Gainesville, P.		2	105											
C. A. Stillman, D. D., P.	Bridgenville, "	Sardia, S. S.			25					120	133	115		11	1700	250
J. Somerville, S. S.	Lauderdale St'n, Miss.	Agent for Com. of Pub.														
A. P. Stillman, Agent,																

J. W. Pratt, W. C. T. S. Winn, P.		Brooklyn, N. Y.	11	3	108	1	8	30	14	50	20	12	420	304
		Havana, Ala.	1	4	61	2	2	30		7	58	9	300	
		Lauderdale St'n, Miss.	2		55	1	1	40		31	68	9	269	20
		Fayetteville, Ala.			74			15		4	6		150	150
		Pleasant Ridge, Ala.			55			5		3			175	
		Hebron, S. S.	1		56	1	2				12	9	300	
		Eutaw, P.	1		60		2				35	14	300	
		Oak Grove, P.	1		100	1	3	40	143		80	3	1830	247
		Mount Olivet, S. S.	2		101		3	25	20		44		650	225
		Pleasant Ridge, P.	10		70	6	8	85	25		71	21	50	125
		Bethesda, P.	12		48	3	1	25	20		95	14	315	75
		Memphis.			9	1							600	600
		Demopolis, S. S.	3		25	1								
		Livingston, S. S.	1		51		2							
		Tuscaloosa, V.			100									
		Pleasant Grove, V.												
		Hadden, V.	11		65	3	2	34	5		8		300	25
		Ebenzer, S. S.			163								101	
		Bethel, S. S.	2		122	2								
		Greenaboro, V.			88									
		Elyton, V.												
		Cedar Grove, V.												
		Luxuepella, V.												
		Pickensville, S. S.—28.	5	6	11	4							75	
		Sylvania, S. S.	61	36	1647	24	38	534	\$135	\$340	\$228	\$618	\$7835	\$2021
		Little Rock, P.	25	4	84	4	2			8	17	6	50	
		Augusta, S. S.	7	12	108	4	16	120	325	85	27	50	2500	100
		Cotton Plant, P.	3		20	1	3		30	41	23	5	400	
		Jacksonport, Ark.	12	1	72	9	4	60	30	41	23	20	600	
		Walnut Grove, Ark.	12	2	20	3			22	30	5	5	150	19
		Batesville, Ark.	14	6	40	2	9	30	22	22	10	10	150	
		Des Arc, V.			10									
		Searcy, S. S.	4	4	22	10	5	25	16	12	5	5	400	120
		Macedonia, P. E.	16	8	24								350	
		Wattensaw, S. S.	18		63	15			3	8			160	

SYNOD OF ARKANSAS.

I. Pres'y of Arkansas.

J. W. Moore, S. S.
Thos. R. Welch, P.
S. W. Davies,
John Anderson,
J. W. McCord,
F. J. Long, S. S.
L. McNeely,
E. W. Shive, S. S.
H. C. Brown, P. E.—9.

J. M. P. Otts, (in transitu.)
—17.

Licentiate—1.

W. B. Bingham, S. S.

Candidates—3.

MINISTERS, Etc.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Com. on ex.	Com. on cer.	Total Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Ch. in S. S. & B. C.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sustentation.	Education.	Publication.	Com'm's & Con't. Fund.	Con-gregational.	Miscellaneous.
(candidate—1.	Helena, Ark. Dardanelle, Ark. Crooked Creek, Ark. Fort Smith, Ark. Van Buren, Ark. Norristown, Ark. Brownsville, Ark. Powhatan, Ark. Smithville, Ark. Greenwood, Ark. Bentonville, Ark. Wittsburg, Ark. Galley Rock, Ark.	Helena, V. Dardanelle, V. New Hope, S. S. Fort Smith, S. S. Van Buren, V. Norristown, V. Brownsville, V. Powhatan, V. Lebanon, V. Bethel, V. Bentonville, V. Mount Hope, V. Union, V.—23. a No Report.	119	42	543	48	53	270		\$149	\$334		\$102	\$94	\$4610	\$239
2. Presbytery of Indian.	Doaksville, C. N. Belpre, Ohio. Doaksville, C. N. Doakville, C. N. Doakville, C. N. Boggy Depot, C. N. Tahlequah, Chor. Nat. Wheelock, C. N. Paris, Texas. Boggy Depot, C. N.	Pine Ridge, S. S. Living Land, S. S. Spencer Academy, S. S. Wapanucka, S. S. Wheelock, S. S. Chickasaw, S. S.	5	3	40			50		21	5			4	27	
C. Kingsbury, D. D. C. Byington, E. Hotchkin, A. Reid, H. Balentine, S. Foreman, C. C. Copeland, O. P. Stark, W. C. A. Wright—9.	Skullyville, C. N. Mico, Creek Nation.	Mountain Fork, V. Mount Zion, V. Lenox, V. Good Water, V. Good Land, V. Chish Oktak, V. Bennington, V. Six Town, V.	3	3	24	2	2			6						
Licentiate—2. Thomas H. Benton, Joseph M. Perryman.			7	8	107	3	3	40		5	5		10	4	150	25
			3	3	20	2	3	23		10	5		5	5		5

Mt. Pleasant, V. Jackson Fork, V.—16.		12	17	19	4	28	4	\$79	\$40	\$5	\$20	\$32	\$272	50
3. Presb'y of Ouachita.	Washington, Ark.	63	4	527	20	24	301							
S. Williamson, D. D., P.	Rocky Mount, La.			92		5				42		15		
A. R. Banks, S. S.	Arkadelphia, Ark.							41	15				1378	
A. L. Crawford, S. S.	"							38				10	75	
M. A. Patterson, W. C.	Mount Holly, "	12	16	62	2	7						12		
M. J. Wallace, S. S.	Marlbrook, S. S.	10	7	30	1	1	50					10	200	
	Washington, "	4	4	32	2	4	25		22	25		10	200	
	Vienna, La.	8	1	58	2	2	15			25		10	200	
C. R. Smith, S. S.	Hamburg, S. S.	2		17	1							5	150	
L. Murray, S. S.	Princeton, "	2		27		1			7	4		5		
S. Orr, S. S.	Monticello, "	24	6	71	6	13	72		15	13	7	20	700	33
J. A. Dickson, P.	Pine Bluff, S. S.	10	15	67	4	16	125		30			12	800	
E. McNair, S. S.	Johnsville, "	16	2	78	3	1				10		12		
David Kerr, S. S.	Warren, "			25										
J. F. Watson, S. S.	Camden, S. S.	2	10	26		3			23			10	595	
J. M. Brown, S. S.	Rel's Bluff, "			10										
Thomas M. Boyd, W. C.	Spring Hill, "	19	11	75	3	4								
W. S. Lacy, W. C., <i>infra</i> .	El Dorado, "													
J. M. Hoge—16.	Manchester, Iowa,													
	Richmond, Ark.			12										
	Scotland, "			55								10		
	Three Creeks, "			12								8		
	Hillsboro, "			2										
	Ebenszer, "			12										
	Tulip, "			16										
	Princeton, "	11	1	33		3			14			10	250	
	Richland, S. S.—23.													
SYNOD OF GEORGIA.		120	69	886	24	60	287	\$79	\$126	\$119	\$7	\$164	\$4348	\$33
1. Presb'y of Atlanta.	Atlanta, Ga.	1	15	177						63		15	1943	
J. S. Wilson, D. D., P.	Newnan, "	1	4	103		1	63		10	37		10	400	
James Stacy, P.	White Oak, S. S.	3		34	3	1				12			221	
W. M. Cunningham, D. D., SS	LaGrange, S. S.	20	119			4		45		2		10	600	30

Candidate—I.

MINISTERS, Etc.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Com. on ex.	Com. on cer.	Total Com.	Adults bap.	Infants Bap.	Ch. in S. S. & B. C.	Domestic Mis- sions.	Foreign Mis- sions.	Susten- tation.	Educa- tion.	Publi- cation.	Com'rs & Con't Fund.	Con- grega- tional.	Miscel- laneous
R. T. Marks, *	White Sulph'r Sp'gs, Ga.	West Point, V.	3	4	70	1	4	80			20				300	
John Jones, P.	Griffin, Ga.	White Sulphur Sp'gs, SS	8	4	70	1	2			15	30				1200	
A. G. Peden, S. S.	Griffin, Ga.	Griffin, P.	5	2	62	1										
W. J. Keith, S. S.	Griffin, Ga.	Friendship, S. S.	2	27	154	2	9	128			34	58	700	5	3496	
Robert Logan,	Ringgold, Ga.	Philadelphia, S. S.	3	2	49	2	2	30				17				
R. K. Porter, P.	Atlanta, Ga.	Brainerd, V.	3	3	15	3	2	50				20			400	10
T. F. Montgomery, in <i>trans.</i>	Atlanta, Ga.	Central Ch., Atlanta, P.	6	37	130	8	2	20	3	5	13	50	20	3	500	80
R. C. Ketchum, T.	Atlanta, Ga.	Ebenezer, S. S.	10	8	129	4	10	90			2	15	1	3	700	32
Henry Quigg, P. E.	Covington, Ga.	Villa Rica, V.	10	3	43	7	7	35							60	
M. D. Wood, P. E.	Decatur, Ga.	Bethany, P. E.	1	18	50	1	1					10		3	40	
James Wilson, T.	Decatur, Ga.	Smyrna, S. S.	9	45	45	1	3		3					3		
Washington Baird, D. M.	Jonesboro, Ga.	Decatur, P. E.	2	17	17							5				
—15		Conyers, S. S.														
		Fairview, V.														
		Fellowship, S. S.														
		Greenville, V.														
		Alcovia, V.														
		Goshen, V.														
		Carrollton, V.														
		McDonough, V.														
		Long Cano, V.														
		Zebulon, V.														
		Forsyth, V.														
		Jackson, V.														
		—28.														
			112	93	1407	27	53	496	\$6	\$46	\$154	\$290	\$721	\$67	\$9860	\$152
			1		39						11	15		10	90	
					41									7		
			9	5	120	8	6	40			1			7	200	
			7	147	9	4	4	80						15	200	
			2	73	4	50					120	15	20	3	850	125
			3	53	7						46			10	725	
			15	16	375	3	10	200			1600	180	200	50	6000	3000

Candidates—4.

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R. A. Houston, Teacher, James Woodrow, Prof.	Mayfield, Ga. Columbia, S. C.	Washington, Ga. " "	Eufaula, Ala. Danielsville, Ga.	Washington, Ga. Athens, " "	Clarksville, " "	Berzelia, " "	Columbia, S. C.	Roswell, Ga. Marietta, " "	Ringgold, " "	Tunnel Hill, " "	Dirt Town, " "	Fuhrlee, " "	Jetersville, " "	Marietta, " "	Lafayette, " "	Ringgold, " "	Alexandria, La. Harmony, Ga.	James A. Wallace,
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R. F. Taylor, P.	Summerville, Ga.	Summerville, P. Walnut Grove, P.	22	2	70	13	7				8				175	
S. E. Axson, P.	Rome, Ga.	Alpine, P. Rome, P. Floyd Springs, V.	3	15	122	2	4	80	44	91	148	83	23	20	1626	1661
R. W. Milner, S. S.	Aerworth, Ga.	Beersheba, Mars Hill, S. S.	31	4	41	11	14	60						5	150	
H. C. Carter, S. S.	Dalton, Ga.	Midway, S. S. Carthage, S. S.	4		40	1	1				7	4			100	
R. H. Walton, W. C.—13. <i>Candidates—2.</i>	Cassville, Ga.	Dalton, S. S. Spring Place, S. S. Cedar Valley, V.—28.	99	61	1234	40	80	334	\$44	\$192	\$212	\$215	\$38	\$66	\$3436	\$2042
<i>4. Presby of Florida.</i>																
J. Little, P.	Quincy, Fla.	Quincy, P.	18	2	125		5	50		29					1500	40
J. E. DuBose, P.	Tallahassee, "	Tallahassee, P.	6	100	3	3	5	40			60		10		1700	100
D. Fraser, P.	Monticello, "	Monticello, P.	8	60			1	42		36			41	30	1475	310
T. L. DeVeaux, P.	Madison, "	Madison, P.	7	3	57	3	6	20		14	13			15	550	225
W. H. Crane, T.	Quincy, "	Marianna, V.		12												
D. Comfort, P.	Boston, Ga.	Bethany, P.	2	6	50		3	57		2	12		5	5	144	20
E. Lee, W. C.		Iamonia, V.			20											
E. P. Crane, Prof.	Pittsburg, Pa.	Mineral Spring, S. S.		2	20		2	25	15	15	15	15	15	10	800	23
W. E. Hamilton, S.	Bainbridge, Ga.	Bainbridge, S. S.	2	2	43		2	70	22					10	572	
W. P. Harrison, S. S.	Knox Hill, Fla.	Euchee Valley, S. S.			215		3		14	9	11					
S. F. Halliday, W. C.	Newnanville, "	St. Augustine														
W. B. Telford, S. S.	Live Oak, Ga.	Jacksonville, S. S.	3	7	21		2	30							500	500
J. McKittrick, W. C.	Boston, Ga.	Micanopy, S. S.	2	1	21		5				18		6	10	350	12
A. W. Clisby, P.	Thomasville, "	Thomasville, P.	6	18	82	3	2	75		29	45		30	20	700	75
		Palatka, V.	4		25										50	200
		Lake City, V.			20											
A. E. Chaudler, S. S.	Wacahoota, Fla.	Orange Creek, S. S.			6											
J. W. Montgomery, S. S.	Ocala, "	Ocala, S. S.			20											
J. Brown, S. S.	Live Oak, "	Hamilton, V.			20											
A. Baker, P.	Fernandina, "	Suwannee, S. S. Fernandina, P.	2	1	28			35						10	300	100

	2	14	3	13	15	10	459	20
Oakland, P.		8	3			10	459	20
Kanepah, S. S.	11	8	5			10	360	1600
Quitman, P.	18	48	9			10	152	
Wellborn, Fla.		35	4			10	203	526
Houston, S. S.		23	2			10	200	5
Valdosta, P.		23	6			10	200	9
Bethlehem, S. S.		19	1			1	90	
Gainesville, S. S.	2	8	10			1	90	
Stockton, S. S.—20.								
Gainesville, Fla.	77	70	145	18	67	565	\$31	\$175
							\$51	\$282
							\$15	\$117
							\$10296	\$3771
Fort Gaines, S. S.								
Lumpkin, V.		41	1			5		
Cuthbert, P.	18	50	3			10	1000	513
Pachilla, S. S.	13	140	13			10	600	29
Americus, S. S.								
Mount Tabor, V.								
Albany, V.								
New Hopewell,	1	20				5		
Perry, V.								
Mount Zion, V.								
Muscogee, S. S.	4	25	4			10	4	200
Smyrna, S. S.								
Epheus, S. S.	1	42				8	200	
Macon, P.	7	6	218	2	12	80	55	500
Emmusa, V.								
Columbus, P.—16.	26	10	352	2	16	200	47	261
	70	16	888	20	42	304	\$2	\$127
							\$802	\$100
							\$37	\$47
							\$1812	\$542
Flemington, S. S.								
1st Ch., Savannah, P.	2	66	5			5	500	20
Walhourville, S. S.	3	15	76	1	5	50	2300	330
Mount Vernon, P.		2	181	2	40	23	700	38
Bryan Neck, P.		6	54	2	25	30	600	262
Ind. Pres., P.								
White Bluff Cong., P.								
St. Mary's, S. S.	4	1	15			31	306	25
Brunswick, S. S.	4	3	22			55	70	12
Waynesville, V.								
Darien, V.—9.	13	27	414	1	14	256	\$65	\$83
							\$61	\$43
							\$25	\$4070
							\$687	
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SYNOD OF MEMPHIS.																
1. <i>Presby. of Chickasaw.</i>		Monroe, V.			42											
T. C. Stuart, W. C., <i>infirm.</i>	Pontotoc, Miss.	Oak Forest, S. S.			33											
A. M. Mooney, W. C. "	Pontotoc, Miss.	Ripley, P.			73											
Wm. A. Gray, P.	Ripley, Miss.	Walnut Creek, S. S.			35											
L. B. Gaston, S. S.	Corinth, Miss.	New Hope, S. S.	10	2	47										200	
		Ebenezer, S. S.	4	1	25										200	
		Corinth, S. S.	5	1	1											
J. N. Waddel, D. D., Pres.	Oxford, Miss.	Oxford, S. S.	13	11	50	1	4	115						14	216	
F. Patton, P.	Oxford, Miss.	Lebanon, P.	8	1	152										330	
		Hopewell, S. S.	3	3	122	1	4	25								
		Sarepta, S. S.			30											
O. F. Rogers, S. S.		Providence, S. S.	6	1	43	1	4									
J. A. Kimmom, S. S.		Unity, S. S.			54									4	100	
		Saltillo, Miss.	19		70	6	1									
		Hebron, S. S.			15											
J. H. Gallard, P.	Coonewah, Miss.	Gaston, S. S.			15											
		Zion, P.	2	11	166	1	1									
		New Albany, S. S.			19					12			8	5	530	
J. D. West, S. S.	Pontotoc, Miss.	Pontotoc, S. S.	2	1	63	2		45		6	6		5	5	150	
		Bethany, V.			20					25	17		20	5	400	
		Harmony, S. S.	5		105		3									
<i>Candidates—2.</i>		Tallahatchie, S. S.—21.	2	3	12						18	16	15	10	375	
			79	35	1200	13	30	185		\$43	\$156	\$16	\$48	\$38	\$2021	\$5
2. <i>Presbytery of Memphis.</i>																
D. H. Cummins, P.	Covington, Tenn.	Covington, P.	1	2	70					52	50		260	10	500	225
		Portersville, S. S.	10	4	111	2		50	83	19	25	8	18	10	311	121
		Mount Lebanon, S. S.			1	24	2	58		5	11		7	5	100	5
J. H. Gray, D. D., S. S.	LaGrange, Tenn.	LaGrange, S. S.	4	7	37	4		75		21	20			5	250	75
		Stuartsbury, S. S.	6	8	40	5	3		20	17				5	350	100
		Ebenezer, S. S.	12	3	33	5	6	30	10	10				5	300	12
		Germanatown, P.	19	2	66	11	6	40	15				19	8	400	325
R. R. Evans, P.		Salem, P.	1	2	27				4					7	200	
		Bethesda, S. S.	10	6	16	8									100	
J. O. Stodman, D. D., P.	Memphis, Tenn.	1st Ch., Memphis, P.	20	20	200	4	13	445	190	144	1013		220	30	3500	2650
W. H. Thompson, P.	Bolivar, "	Bolivar, V.	10	6	48								110		400	

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Wm. T. Hall, P.	Raymond,	Lebanon, S. S.	13	10	80	2	7	35	65	35	40	50	60	55	1600	25
C. H. Dobbs, Teacher.	"	Canton, P.	11	1	52	4	2		18	12		8	10	20	400	
Stevenson Archer, P. E.	"	Hopewell, S. S.														
A. H. Mecklin, S. S.	"	Greenville, P. E.	13	2	67	5		35				21			350	
	"	Poplar Creek, S. S.	7	2	36	4	3	30							200	
J. A. McConnell, Teacher.	"	Olney, S. S.			56											
—20.	"	Shongalo, S. S.			27		1	33				6	6		49	8
	"	Camden, V.			10											
	"	Lake Providence, La.			5											
	"	Monticello, V.			13											
	"	Illawara, "			11											
	"	Pecan Grove, V.			6											
	"	Richmond, Miss.														
	"	Greenwood, V.														
	"	Good Hope, V.														
	"	Auburn, "														
	"	Bethesda, V.														
	"	Warrenton, "														
	"	Redbone, V.														
	"	Osborne, V.														
	"	Edward's Depot, "														
	"	Salem, V.	4	8												
	"	Hebron, S. S.	7	2	9	3	1									
	"	Forest, V.	2	18		2	2									
	"	Monmouth, V.														
	"	Carrollton, S. S.														
	"	Carrollton, "	1	3	21		12	30							500	
	"	Teoc, S. S.														
	"	Bolton, V.	125	79	1318	42	76	734	\$352	\$81	\$40	\$707	\$84	\$95	\$10243	\$308
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Licentiate—1.																
G. L. Wolfe,																
Candidates—2.																
2. Presby of Louisiana.																
J. A. Smylie, D. M.	Livonia, La.															
J. E. C. Doremus, D. D.	New Orleans, La.	Baton Rouge, S. S.			128											
C. S. Dod, S. S.	Plaquemine, "	Plaquemine, S. S.			33											
J. M. Geary, P.	Plains Store, "	Plains, P.			83											
G. C. Hyde, W. C.	Baton Rouge, "															
A. G. Payne, S. S.	Clinton, "	Clinton, S. S.			54											
	Clinton, "	Comite, S. S.			46											
	Liberty, Miss.	Unity, P.			40											
W. F. Gillespie, P.	Liberty, "	Oak Grove, S. S.			15											

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Marc Roux, D. M.	New Orleans, La.	Thibodeaux, S. S.	11	3	61	2	2	35						5	1200	
N. P. Chamberlain, (in <i>trans.</i>)	Thibodeaux, "	Houma, V.			20										200	150
W. McConnell, (in <i>trans.</i>)	Houma, "	Helena, S. S.	3	1	25	3	7	60	24	12					200	
J. C. Graham, S. S.	Amite City, "	Pisgah, S. S.		2	18		6	60							50	
A. J. Johnson, W. C.	Summit, Miss.	Osyka, S. S.			8											
E. B. Cleghorn, W. C.	Osyka, "	Berea, V.			9											
V. C. Ostrom, W. C.—13.	Covington, La.	Madisonville, V.			9											
	Centreville, "	Centreville, V.			9											
	New River, "	New River, V.			20											
	Carrollton, "	Carrollton, V.—17.			12											
			167	104	1385	34	164	1468	\$1399	\$558	\$2706	\$1102	\$1111	\$218	\$56711	\$4341
<i>5. Presby of Red River.</i>																
J. F. Ford, T., D. M.	Shreveport, La.	Shreveport, V.			46			75								
J. T. Davidson, S. S.	Homer, "	Homer, S. S.	2	3	9		2									
		Midway, S. S.	4	17	17											
		State Line, S. S.	4	11	11		8	20		5	30		5			
		Keachi, S. S.		15	15											
Edward Ellis, S. S.																
J. M. Hall, W. C. (in <i>trans.</i>)																
C. Harrington, S. S.	Shreveport, "	Mt. Zion, S. S.	1	17	17	3	12	19	38		11		11	10	225	
J. E. Bright, D. D., P. E.	Minden, "	Minden, P. E.	5	2	30	5								20	300	
		Salom, "			3											
		Vienna, S. S.			11											
		Pine Hill, S. S.			12											
C. R. Smith, S. S.	Douglas, "	Alabama, S. S.			62		4									
A. E. Banks, S. S.—8.	Rocky Mt., "	Rocky Mt.	5		80	1	4	35	50	40				30	900	140
		Ebenezer, "			15				5	5		5	5			
		Mansfield, "			1											
		Monroe, "														
		Monroe, V.—15.	20	10	335	6	33	149	\$93	\$50	\$46	\$5	\$21	\$60	\$1425	\$140
<i>6. Presby of Tombigbee.</i>																
M. Peden, W. C., (in <i>trans.</i>)	Crawfordville, Miss.															
James A. Lyon, D. D., P.	Columbus, "	Columbus, P.	10	7	180				160	96	200	156			2000	1300
J. N. Carothers, P.	Houston, "	Friendship, P.	2	1	176	1	13	40								

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SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.																
1. <i>Presby of Holston.</i>																
J. R. King, S. S.	Bristol, Tenn.	Cold Spring, Pleasant Grove, Prin. Bristol High Sch.	7	3	84	1	1	65			25	34			200	30
J. D. Tadlock,	Bristol, "	Rheatsburg,	26	3	71	10	3	55			10				150	22
S. B. Campbell, S. S.	Leesburg, "	Leesburg,		6	21					3	13	35	8	3	60	100
G. A. Caldwell, S. S.	Bristol, "	Providence,	3	3	85		6	40		15	9	30	6	14	300	
J. W. Bachman, S. S.	Rogersville, "	Bristol,	30	6	189	6	9	123		6	8	14	13	5	105	
J. P. Briscoe, S. S.	New Providence,	Rogersville,	35	3	115	5	6	75		39	63	14	8	18	786	350
Wm. A. Taylor, S. S.	Blountville, "	New Providence,	1	1	124	4	6	60		12	11	8	7	9	300	123
Samuel Hodge,	Jonesville, Va.	Blountville,	18	5	187	4	6	65		10	25	8	9	16	500	58
Wm. B. Carter—y.	Newport, Tenn.	New Bethel,	14	2	142	8	5	220			9			15	425	29
	Hopkinton, Iowa,	Mt. Carmel,	11	2	25	1	4	70						12	150	12
	Tazewell, Tenn.	Pisgah,	31	4	47	17	10	50						50	60	60
	Elizabethton, "	Morrisstown,	10	3	35	1		19								48
	Greenville, "	Tazewell,														
	" "	Jonesboro,														
	" "	Meadow Creek,														
	" "	Richland Creek,														
	" "	Timber Ridge—Is.														
			167	38	1152	59	57	842		\$85	\$178	\$129	\$43	\$92	\$3026	\$832
2. <i>Presby of Knoxville.</i>																
Thos. R. Bradshaw, (in trans)																
Thomas H. McCallie, P.	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Madisonville, S. S.	22	18	96	1	1	40						5	230	
W. W. Morrison, S. S.	Sweet Water, "	Chattanooga, P.	20	14	94	6	7	125		14	37		22	10	1550	40
James Park, S. S.	Knoxville, "	Sweet Water, S. S.	50	13	101	34	13				24			10	366	
		Knoxville, S. S.	26	8	82		7	120		54	97	34		12	1576	230
		Memphis, V.														
		Cleveland, V.														
		Lebanon, S. S.			20									3	5	
		Cedar Spring, S. S.			30									4	65	
		Pleasant Forest, S. S.			20									3	100	
		Soddy,														
		New Bethel,			44											
		Mars Hill,														

Rockford. Tellico.		—14																				
		118	53	487	41	28	285									\$68	\$128	\$34	\$22	\$47	\$3892	\$270
3. Presb'y of Nashville.																						
R. A. Lapsley, D. D., W. C.	New Albany, Ind.																					
J. R. Bain, W. C.	Gallatin, Tenn.																					
A. N. Cunningham, D. D., W. C.	Franklin, Tenn.																					
J. W. Hoyle, M. D., W. C.	Nashville, Tenn.																					
T. D. Wardlaw, M. D., P.	Shelbyville, Tenn.																					
W. L. Rosser, P.	Franklin, Tenn.	22	4	126	13	6	110	58								15	10	30	175	7	1200	23
H. B. Boude, P.	Gallatin, Tenn.	6	13	108	1	3	70	15									27			5	872	
	Gallatin, Tenn.	26	14	147	15	8	65	46												5	757	
	Gallatin, Tenn.	7		74	2	4	20	19												5	474	
R. F. Bunting, D. D., P.	Nashville, Tenn.	122	65	475	47	34	733	146								50	576	1384	6000	17	4500	4554
E. C. Trimble, W. C.	Nashville, Tenn.	4		85	1	3	120	16												5	1831	
	Clarksville, Tenn.	7	7	137		9	70	140									110	185	800	6	1986	
R. R. Moore, (in transitu.)	Harrodsburg, Ky.																					
John W. Neil, P.	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	12	7	167	3	7	100	22								28	100	167	62	15	5243	160
M. McPeckers, D. M., S. S.	Nashville, Tenn.	1		33		2	6														150	
" " " "	New Middleton, Tenn.	25	1	110	11	4															125	
" " " "	Cherry Valley, Tenn.			26																5	69	7
" " " "	Murfreesboro, Tenn.			50			35	16								1				5	125	7
" " " "	Milton, Tenn.			49			35	10												5	87	
E. T. Brantley, S. S. —13	Lebanon, Tenn.	6	2	37	2	21	43	20												6	3351	
(Candidates—1.)	Smyrna Depot, Tenn.	7	4	20	1	7														8	225	590
	Green Hill, Tenn.	3		18	3															4	17	
	Charlotte, Tenn.	6		55	3		60	10												5	125	11
	Shop Spring, Tenn.	254	117	1717	102	108	1467	\$527								\$94	\$823	\$1810	\$7092	\$98	\$21137	\$5152
4. Presb'y of N. Alabama.																						
F. A. Ross, D. D.	Huntsville, Ala.			125			40													3	350	
W. E. Caldwell, Tenn.	Elkton, Tenn.			184																	400	
W. H. Vernor, Tenn.	Lewisburg, Tenn.	7	1	69	4	2														5	1500	108
J. B. Chapman, Tenn.	Spring Hill, Tenn.	9	19	133	8	1										8	14		6	3	265	
J. O. Sullivan, Tenn.	Trenton, Tenn.	8	1	57	1	3	80									20	30	20		3	265	12
F. L. Ewing, Tenn.	Pulaski, Tenn.															16	14		10			
O. B. Caldwell, Tenn.	Cornerville, Tenn.																			2		

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Alexander Smith, Robert Caldwell, G. E. McCombs, J. Simpson Frierson, J. Stephenson Frierson, C. Foster Williams, W. J. Frierson, S. W. Mitchell, F. A. Thompson, Henry B. Smith, John H. Bryson, John N. Blackburn, Andrew McElroy—20.	Fayetteville, Tenn. Pulaski, " Lynnville, " Mt. Pleasant, " Columbia, " " " Spring Hill, " Huntsville, Ala. Columbia, Tenn. Athens, Ala.	New Hope, Richland, Union, Petersburg, Unity, Zion, Columbia, Pulaski, Mount Pleasant, Spring Hill, Cathay's Creek, Laurel Hill, Bethesda, Fountain Hill, Campbellsville, Harmony, Hopewell, Bethsalem, Williamsport.	2 20 4 10 41 7	3 3 4 10 13 1	40 150 30 282 85 28 75	4 4 7 39 29 3	6 3 3 3 10 3	6 3 3 3 3 3	225	18 58	26 6	75 6	1 3 1 3 3 2 2	265 800	92 5	
Licentiate—1. William Stoddert. Candidate—1.			198	54	1456	95	25	345		\$134	\$182	\$25	\$113	\$38	\$4145	\$247
SYNOD OF N. CAROLINA. L. Preaby of Concord. R. H. Morrison, D. D., S. S.	Cottage Home, N. C.	Unity, (Lincoln,) S. S. Castanea Grove, S. S.	2 19		46 57		2 4			8		5	4	10		
Jesse Rankin, S. S. D. A. Penick, Sr., P. Daniel Lindley, F. M. Robert Burwell, Teacher, J. E. Morrison, W. C.	Lenoir, " Pioneer Mills, " Port Natal, So. Africa, Charlotte, N. C. Morven, "	Lenoir, S. S. Rocky River, P. Hopewell, V. Shelby, V. Lebanon, V. Wadesboro, V. Goshen, P.	1 47 1 9 59	3 5	41 332 160 9	1 2	1 10 8	35 66	10 68	10 33	50 9	10 33	5 60	5 60	283 856 529	11
James D. Hall, P. John Douglas, P. Nathan Shotwell, P.	Woodlawn, " Whitehall, " Rutherfordton, "	Steel Creek, P. Pleasant Hill, P. Rutherfordton, P. Little Britain, P.	52 3 3	3 116 29 163	317 116 29 163	1 35 3	35 3			29	56	26	16		550 250	19

D. E. Jordan, P.	Madison, N. C.	Winston, S. S.	1	12	1	1	5	1	1	1	4	84
		High Point, S. S.	2	34			13	9	5	6	3	56
		Madison, P.		102			12	19	60	16	23	395
		Wentworth, S. S.										
		Leakesville, S. S.										
A. D. Hepburn, W. C.		Pittsboro & Haywood, V.		28			25				5	25
Drury Lacy, D. D., W. C.	Raleigh, N. C.	Asheboro & Roxboro, V.										
James C. Alexander, P.	(Greensboro,	Bethel, P.	12	4	116	1	6	7	6	7	490	
	Oaks,	"	36	21	140	13	8	3		4	441	
C. N. Morrow, S. S.	Oxford,	"	3	60			50		10	225	8	508
H. G. Hill, S. S.		Bethlehem, S. S.		45	6				9	10	13	138
		Oxford, S. S.		38								
Charles Phillips, S. S.	Chapel Hill,	Grassy Creek, S. S.		40				31	33	48	39	100
C. H. Wiley, W. C.	(Greensboro,	Chapel Hill, S. S.										
	(Greensboro,	Speedwell and Stony										
W. B. Tidball, S. S.	Newbern,	Creek, V.	23	1	189	10	6				16	600
L. C. Vass, P.		Alamance, S. S.	28	11	82	6	80		125	30	47	3365
		Newbern, P.										
		Murfreesboro and)										
		Snow Creek, V.)										
H. B. Pratt,	Hillsboro,	Hillsboro, S. S.		62							9	112
		Fairfield, S. S.		44							12	25
		Nutbush, S. S.	1	2	49	3						
		Milburnie and Mt.)										
		Airy, V.)										
		Long's Mills, V.)										
		Warrenton and)										
		Louisburg, V.)										
Alex. Kirkland,	Clayton, N. C.	Oakland.		11	1	2	1	4			3	
			217	45	2752	67	103	785	\$255	\$215	\$550	\$289
											\$279	\$460
												\$14129
												\$607
SYNOD OF S. CAROLINA.												
I. <i>Presby of Bethel.</i>												
S. L. Watson, P.	Zeno,	S. C. Bethel, P.	21	1	330	7	13	250		25	55	55
J. H. Saye, S. S.	Lewisville,	" Fishing Creek, S. S.	2	6	138	1	6	200		15	5	17
W. Banks, P.	Hazelwood,	" Catholic, P.	12	132	2	13	40		20	52	36	30
		Pleasant Grove, P.	11	1	200	1	12	53		10	15	
J. R. Baird, W. C.	Yorkville,	" Hopewell, V.	6	65	2	6						20
		Cedar Shoal, S. S.	3	1	35					3		192
L. W. Curtis, W. C.	Canaan (Corners, N. Y.	Harmony, V.		56							5	5

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W. W. Carothers, S. S.	Yorkville, S. C.	Allison's Creek, S. S.	5	4	74	1	1			9	8	10	3		7	250	
J. M. Anderson, Prof.	Davidson Col., N. C.	Beth Shiloh, S. S.	49	3	143	20	11			5	5	6			3	220	
J. E. White, P.	Chester, S. C.	Purty, P.	15	2	105	9	7					3				56	
J. S. Bailey, S. S.	McConnellsville, S. C.	Bullock's Creek, S. S.	2	2	117					53	85	20			12	700	70
A. A. James, P.	Jonesville,	Salem, S. S.			149	4	4				4	23			12		
T. W. Erwin, P.	Blackstocks,	Fairforest, P.	1	1	96			4		6	23	6			3	268	30
D. Harrison, S. S.	Liberty Hill,	Grindal Shoals, P.	1		15	1	1	20			5	8			5	190	6
H. R. Dickson, S. S. & Prof.	Yorkville,	Concord, P.	22	5	140	15	5	25		10		17			7	250	21
W. W. Ratchford, S. S.	Zeno.	Mt. Olivet, P.	3		83	2	2			16		27			9	300	
J. N. Craig, P.	Lancasterville,	Six Mile Creek, S. S.	6		55		1					22			3	420	
D. A. Todd, P.—16.	Union C. H.	Yorkville, S. S.	10	3	107	2	1			35	30	40	25		12	622	24
Candidates—4.	Guthrie-ville,	Beersheba, S. S.	1		99		4			13		10			7	114	
	Ebenezer-ville,	Shiloh, S. S.	2	1	59	1	3	60		5	6	10	12		3	113	
	Lowrysville,	Lancasterville, P.	2	2	42	2	2	12		5	17	13	8		5	450	
	Carmel Hill,	Waxhaw, P.	3		37	1	10			7	6	5	3		5	400	
	Santuc.	Douglas, P.			16							3			5		
	Fort Mills,	Cane Creek, P.			25			28				5			5		
	Columbia, S. C.	Unionville, S. S.	6	7	314	6		94		73	68	80	30		14	600	
	Charleston,	Bethesda, S. S.	6	3	170	1	13	50				40			12	600	
		Ebenezer, S. S.	5	1	72	1	3	30			9	4	9		7	250	
		Zion, S. S.			12										3	10	
		Carmel Hill, V.			38												
		Hephzibah, V.			15												
		Tabor, V.			38												
		Unity, V.—33.			4		1								3	35	
			199	44	3211	73	123	952		\$326	\$393	\$483	\$101	\$212	\$7876	\$201	
2. Presby. of Charleston.		Prof. Theo. Seminary.															
A. W. Leland, D. D.	Columbia, S. C.	"															
George Howe, D. D.	"	"															
John Forrest, D. D., P.	Charleston,	First Church,															
Thos. Smyth, D. D., P.	"	Second Church,															
W. C. Dana, P.	"	Central Church,	3	4	91	6			18						30	915	195
W. B. Yates,	"	Seamen's Chaplain.															
J. L. Girardeau, D. D.	"	Zion Church,	54	14	440	18	30	152	317	191	180	220	190	115	4570		

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C.	7 5 82 7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	20 1 145 17 16 3 40 62 1500 800	19 21 150 1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	5 82 7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	20 1 145 17 16 3 40 62 1500 800	19 21 150 1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	5 82 7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	20 1 145 17 16 3 40 62 1500 800	19 21 150 1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	5 82 7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	20 1 145 17 16 3 40 62 1500 800	19 21 150 1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	5 82 7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	20 1 145 17 16 3 40 62 1500 800	19 21 150 1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	5 82 7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	20 1 145 17 16 3 40 62 1500 800	19 21 150 1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	5 82 7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	20 1 145 17 16 3 40 62 1500 800	19 21 150 1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	5 82 7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	20 1 145 17 16 3 40 62 1500 800	19 21 150 1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	5 82 7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	20 1 145 17 16 3 40 62 1500 800	19 21 150 1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	5 82 7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	20 1 145 17 16 3 40 62 1500 800	19 21 150 1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	5 82 7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	20 1 145 17 16 3 40 62 1500 800	19 21 150 1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	5 82 7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	20 1 145 17 16 3 40 62 1500 800	19 21 150 1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	1 6 300 70 153 84 140 62 1500 800	7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	5 82 7 35 90 24 41 23 14 4	20 1 145 17 16 3 40 62 1500 800	19 21 150 1 6 300 70 153 84 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Licentiate—1.

A. W. Gaston,

Candidate—1.

3. Presby of Harmony.

W. Brearley, P.

T. R. English, S. S.

W. M. Reid, P.

J. L. Wilson, D. D.

P. Pierson, P.

D. McQueen, P.

G. W. Boggs, W. C.

D. E. Frierson, P.

S. H. Hay, P.

G. Morgan, W. C.

J. R. Gilland, P.

J. A. Cousar, P.

W. C. Sutton, W. C.

James Douglass, W. C.

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J. G. Richards, P. James McDowell, P.	Liberty Hill, Manning,	S. C. Liberty Hill, P. " Manning, P. " Brevington, P.	25 12	3 1	150 129	7 4	7 4	50 29	5 30	20 12		5 12	5 12	5 253	230 253	5 28
W. B. Corbett, P. J. C. Kennedy, S. S. J. Bradley, P. F. O. Frierson, S. S. H. M. Brerley, P.	Cheraw, Ridgeway, Kingstree, Gourdin's Station, Shoe Heel, N. C.	" Cheraw, P. " Aimwell, S. S. " White Oak, P. " Union, S. S. " Carolina, P.	5 2 36	1 2 8	108 50 140	1 4 7	1 4 1	32 25	3 5	9 2	4 11	40 11	4 12	5 6	300 430	20 26
W. A. Gregg, P.	Bishopville, S. C.	Red Bluff, P. Bishopville, P.	8 4	3 3	34 70	1 2	1 2	32 25						15 300	300	
J. B. Mack, P. D. C. Boggs, P. D. McDuffie, P.	Mayesville, Winnsboro, Little Rock,	Hephzibah, P. Salem (B. R.), P. Lebanon, P. Pine Tree, P.	35 3 1	1 2 1	432 80 52	8 4 5	4 4 2	56 28	160 58	7 5	20	252 47	78 10	23 7	150 1600	163 38
W. H. Singletary, W. C. J. L. Bartlett, W. C. J. D. A. Brown, P. J. E. Dunlop, P. G. R. Brackett, S. S. E. H. Buist, S. S. W. S. Plumer, D. D., LL.D.	Kingstree, Sumter, Florence, Marion, Winnsboro, Society Hill, Columbia,	Elon, S. S. Turkey Creek, S. S. Florence, P. Marion, P. Scion, S. S. Great Pee Dee, S. S. Prof. Theo. Seminary. Salem (L. R.) V. Hemion, S. S. Williamsburg, S. S. Beaver Creek, S. S. Concord, S. S.—39.	31 2 2 21 1 31	6 1 1 10 1 6	201 30 53 19 79 24 201	20 4 4 9 7 110	2 4 4 2	46 30 12 12	46 30 12 12				12 2 2 2 12	60 700 227 1108	5 19 53 5	
<i>Licentiatees</i> —3. R. E. Cooper, S. E. Chandler, H. Strong.	Rock Hill, Sumter, Mayesville,	" Rock Hill, S. " Williamsburg, S. S. " Beaver Creek, S. S. " Concord, S. S.—39.	2 10 342	3 3 45	371 211 3571	3 4 90	4 4 87	22 22 448	591 591 591	541 541 541	\$210 \$210 \$210	\$426 \$426 \$426	\$257 \$257 \$257	\$303 \$303 \$303	\$12998 \$12998 \$12998	\$540 \$540 \$540
<i>Candidatees</i> —7. 4. Presby of S. Carolina. D. Humphreys, P. J. L. Kennedy, P. W. Carlisle, (superannuated) Anderson C. H., S. C.	Rock Mills, S. C. " Equality, Williamston, Anderson C. H., S. C.	Good Hope, P. Roberts, P. Carmel, P. Williamston, S. S.	2 2 10 1	165 124 116 19	2 2 3 1	5 5 7 19	50 50 40 40	20 32 60 10	10 12 8 10	4 13 24 26	5 62 24 26	5 13 24 26	8 12 12 12	200 157 175 26	200 157 175 26	26 26 26 26

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J. S. Willbanks, P.	Cross Hill, S. C.	Liberty Spring, P.			190		5	184		12	7		1	22	132	
Hugh McLees, S. S.	Ninety-Six, "	Ninety-Six, P.			25			35	30	12	12	6		10	450	22
W. P. Jacobs, P.	Pendleton, "	Hopewell, (Pend.), S. S.		42	3	255	5	87							442	
	Clinton, "	Clinton, P.		5	40				11						200	60
W. H. Stratton, P.	"	Shady Grove, P.		8	4	106	7	61	7		7	6		5		
<i>Lieutenant—1.</i>	Anderson C. H., S. C.	Anderson C. H., P.			14		5		15							
J. M. Robinson,	Newberry C. H., "	Gilder's Creek, V.			12				17		3					
<i>Candidates—6.</i>	"	Mount Bethel, S. S.			20				13							
	Double Branches, S. C.	Bethesda, V.	223	48	4643	75	123	1471	\$1109	\$281	\$206	\$718	\$242	\$312	\$8996	\$210
SYNOD OF TEXAS.																
<i>1. Presby of Brazos.</i>		Houston.														
Daniel McNair,	Galveston, Texas.	Galveston.														
W. C. Somerville,	Columbia, "	Columbia.														
H. P. Young,	Galveston, "	1st Ger. Pres. Ch.														
P. H. Fullinwider,	Huntsville, "	Bethel.														
J. W. Miller,	Gay Hill, "	Prospect.														
James Wilson,	Whelock, "	Whelock.														
M. C. Conolly,	Brenham, "	Brenham.														
R. H. Byers,	Waverly, "	Galatia.														
Joseph Boone,	Montgomery, "	Danville and M'gomery.														
J. M. Cochran,	Huntsville, "	Huntsville.														
Samuel McKinney, D. D.	"	Pres. Austin College.														
J. R. Hutchison, D. D.	Houston, "	Navasota.														
		Hempstead.														
		Chapel Hill.														
		Richmond.														
		Waverly.														
		Centerville.														
		Concord.														
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<i>4. Pres. of Western Texas.</i> Wm. C. Blair, (<i>inform</i>) Joel T. Case, (<i>inform</i>) J. M. Wilson, S. S.	Lavaca, Texas, Victoria, " Seguin, "	Seguin, S. S. Cibolo, S. S. Gonzales, V. Belmont, V.	3 1 14	7 1 1	15 16 56	1 2 2	2 13 2	2 13 2	18 12 11					5 5 10 5	100 50 234 100	25
N. Chevalier, Evangelist, J. H. Zively, S. S. J. F. Martin, S. S. J. M. Connelly, S. S. Geo. C. Moore,*	Austin, " San Antonio, " Gonzales, " Victoria, " Lavaca, " Lockhart, " Brownsville, " Clinton, " Texana, " Columbus, " Corpus Christi, " Goliad, " Indianola, " Selma, " Helena, " Lockhart, "	San Marcos, S. S. San Antonio, S. S. Concrete, S. S. Victoria, V. Lavaca, V. Lockhart, V. Brownsville, V. Live Oak, V. Texana, V. Columbus, S. S. Corpus Christi, V. Cedar Creek, V. Goliad, V. Indianola, V. Selma, V. Helena, V. Fair Summit, V.—21.	10 4 1	10 6 1 4 6 95	17 71 10 1 8 40	6 0 1 1 1 1	8 0 1 1 2	0 0 1 1 10	11	70	2			8 10 1 10 7	3800 101 714 375	
SYNOD OF VIRGINIA. 1. Presby of Abingdon. A. Gilderleeve, W. C. J. M. Wallace, W. C. R. C. Graham, T. Thos. Brown, S. S. Daniel B. Ewing, P. James McChain, P. Lee C. Brown, S. S.	Tazewell C. H., Va. Bristol, Tenn. Wytheville, Va. Abingdon, " Dublin Depot, " Abingdon, " Hillaville, " Hillaville, "	Walnut Grove, S. S. Bell Spring, P. Stinking Spring, P. Hillaville, S. S. Bethesda, S. S.	8 2 1 15	9 2 2 5	57 30 111 25 32	1 1 1 1	1 1 2 1	60 10 100 90	16 10 90	5 5		15	5 15	5 30 5 3	365 300 700	

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P. B. Price, P.	Richmond, Va.	3d Church.	13	8	155	6	1	105		36	62	33		10	931	500
F. B. Converse, Editor.	"															
M. D. Kalopothakes, F. M.	Athens, Greece.	Fredericksburg.	16	4	148	3	3	237	20	48	100	125	50	10	1210	
T. W. Gilmer, P.	Fredericksburg, Va.	Pole Green and Salem.	11	1	115	4	1									
G. H. Denny, P.	Old Church,	Bethlehem.			20											
E. T. Baird, D. D.,	Richmond,	Sec. Pub. and Educ'n.														
K. H. Rutherford, P.	Petersburg,	Tabb Street Church.	23	8	263	2	27	425	125	144	125	350	166	40	5533	1100
D. C. Irwin, P.	Portsmouth,	Portsmouth.			82		3	85		7	23	71		5	1306	
John W. Moseley, W. C.	Richmond,															
T. B. Maury, W. C. —27	"															
Licensees—2.																
S. Taylor Martin,		Nottaway, V.			86											
Frank M. Woods.		Sussex, V.			23											
		Namozine, V.			34			60		4	6					
		Yellow Chapel.	10		37	3										
		Smithfield, V.			6											
		W'mb'g & York Riv., V.			8											
		Tappahannock, V.			8											
		Olivet.	3		32	1	2	15							39	
			146	48	2783	52	107	2361	\$1156	\$386	\$582	\$1050	\$576	\$185	\$28670	\$4775
3. Presby of Greensboro.																
John McElhenny, D. D.	Lewisburg, W. Va.	Lewisburg, P.	5	3	325		10	150		17	31	33	30	30	1267	20
J. C. Barr,	"	Lewisburg, P.														
S. R. Houston,	"	Union, P.			79		3	40		2	2			10	230	
Rocky Point, "	Union Point,	Union, P.	1	3	277	1	13	140						15	280	
Academy, "	Academy,	Oak Grove, S. S.	8	48	5	40				4	18	26	2	11	250	
Huntersville, "	Huntersville,	Huntersville, S. S.		18												
Frankford, "	Frankford,	Frankford, S. S.	6	1	82	2	3	80		14	30	4	4	2	155	
Falling Spring, W. Va.	Falling Spring,	Spring Creek, S. S.	1	1	31						6			8	70	
Indian Creek, "	Indian Creek,	Centerville, S. S.	4	3	112	3	40			20	22	14	12	10	132	23
Kanawha Salines, "	Kanawha Salines,	Kanawha Salines, S. S.	1	2	53	1	55				35				355	
Union, "	Union,	Salem, S. S.	3	73		1	9	60							125	50
Gap Mills, "	Gap Mills,	Carmel, S. S.	5	64	3	8	30			3	3			5	140	
Palestine, "	Palestine,	Muddy Creek, S. S.	3	3	27	1	35			3	4	3	9	6	44	
Grassy Meadows, "	Grassy Meadows,	McElhenny, S. S.	9	33		5	7	15		2	3	2	2	3	170	

B. B. Blair,	—10	5	1	60	1	18	56	2	11	2	85	82	113	\$3844	\$112
Mountain Cove, W. Va.															
Fayette, S. S.															
Point Pleasant, P.															
Buffalo, S. S.	5	4	39		2				27				10	439	10
Liberty, V.			33											37	
Baxter, V.			11						5						
Dunmore, S. S.			50											60	
Summersville, V.															
Anthony's Creek, V.							60		2	1					
Kanawha, V.															
Western, S. S.															
Guyandotte, S. S.	56	21	1475	14	86	801			\$66	\$199	\$85	\$62	\$113	\$3844	\$112
—23															
Bethel, P.	3	3	158	1	8	30		49	22	56		40	22	1270	
Lexington, V.	19	12	255	6	9	200				205	65	59	37	5840	5
Rocky Spring, S. S.	4		67	1	1	45	12						14	220	
—23															
New Monmouth, P.	12	12	172	3	8	100	16		16		7	20	12	700	25
Prof. Washington Col.															
Cook's Creek, P.	10	3	134	5	5	50				52			10	600	
Waynesboro, P.	5	85		4	90		20	15	10					450	75
Mt. Carmel, P.	7	5	111	3	8	200	21	16			7	5	12	836	
Mossy Creek, P.	5	2	136	1	10	100	94	18			29	10	19	764	
Old Oxford, S. S.	1		65												
Bensalem, S. S.	2	7	44	2	2	40		8		8			8	300	7
Loch Willow, P.	13	4	67	4	2	60								320	
Tygart's Valley, S. S.	6	2	99	3	5	100								440	
Timberbridge, S. S.	3	2	87	2		90									
Bethesda, S. S.	5	20	220	4	19	150	55							27	7
Staunton, P.	58	5	388	31	20	150	88	74	151	62	30	137	28	3685	105
New Providence, P.	4	3	153		9	80	30				25	44	28	682	30
Tinkling Spring, P.															
Union, P.	2	2	90		2	83							15	575	

Candidates—2.

4. Presby of Lexington.

Jas. Morrison, (aged & inf.)	Va.
F. McFarland, D. D., P.	"
F. Boyman, D. D., (infirm)	"
W. G. Campbell, W. C.	"
W. S. White, D. D., (infirm)	"
J. S. Blain, S. S.	"
R. Lewis, W. C.	"
N. W. Calhoun, D. M.	"
Henry Brown, W. C.	"
S. Brown, P.	"
J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D.	"
E. Thomas, (infirm)	"
T. D. Bell, P.	"
W. T. Richardson, P.	"
W. Pinkerton, P.	"
W. H. Rufner, (infirm)	"
John Pinkerton, P.	"
P. M. Custer Teacher.	"
J. A. Scott, Prin. F. Ac'y,	"
R. S. Reese, S. S.	"
P. Fletcher, P.	"
R. Scott, S. S.	"
R. J. Taylor, S. S.	"
W. E. Baker, P.	"
E. D. Junkin, P.	"
C. S. M. See, P.	"
R. C. Walker, P.	"

MINISTERS, Etc.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Com. on ex.	Com. on cer.	Total Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Ch. in S. S. & B. C.	Domes- tic Mis- sions.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Susten- tation.	Educa- tion.	Publi- cation.	Com'rs & Con- Fund.	Con- grega- tional.	Miscel- laneous
<i>7. Pres. of Rappahannock.</i>																
James T. Lettich, P.	Alexandria, Va.	2d Church, P.	9	19	206	2	8	350				200			3500	550
A. D. Pollock, S. S.	Warrenton, "	Middleburg, S. S.		19											300	1450
John W. Pugh, P.	"	Warrenton, P.	4	2	53	1	5	50	50					10	380	
Thomas D. Balch, W. C.	Nokesville, "	Salem, S. S.			9						20	14			139	
A. M. Hershey, D. M.	"	Greenwich, S. S.														
Robert S. Bell, W. C.	Washington, "	Washington, V.			34											
Edward H. Cumpston, P.	Darcy's Store, Md.	Rockville & Bethesda, P.	3	3	177		2				160				866	600
Edward L. McMurrin, S. S.	Culpeper C. H., Va.	Bethesda, S. S.	3	2	26						10			10	400	500
Jonah W. Lupton, P.	Leesburg, Va.	Leesburg & Catoctin, P.	1	4	58		3		39	44				10	810	
C. H. Nourse, W. C.	Washington, D. C.	The Grove, V.														
T. S. Witherow, W. C.		Litchfield, V.														
		Lorettsville, V.														
		Poolesville, V.														
		Raplan, S. S.			12										40	402
<i>Lieutenant—1.</i>																
Wm. O. Robey, colored,	Leesburg, Va.		20	30	718	3	18	400	\$89	\$44	\$190	\$214		\$30	\$6435	\$3502
<i>8. Presby of Roanoke.</i>																
Sam'l B. Wilson, D. D.	Hampden Sidney, Va.	Prof. U. T. Seminary,														
Thos. E. Peck, D. D.	"	"														
Isaac Cochran, P.	Darlington Heights, "	Buffalo, P.	12	3	68	2	4		10	12	40	10		15	900	
Thomas Whaley, P.	Keyville, "	Briery, P.	2	1	113					20	55	33	8	15	291	
H. C. Alexander, P.	Charlotte C. H., "	" Village, P.	2	1	138	1	2		20	33	55	33	17	25	1203	22
Alex. Martin, P.	Aspenwall, "	Roanoke, P.	1	7	108				16	16	16	16	16	20	350	12
Hugh A. Brown, P.	Mossingford, "	Bethesda, P.	9		100	3	3		18	8	13	16	11		525	11
Wm. H. Matthews, P.	Pittsylvania C. H., "	Pittsylvania C. H., P.			80		1		22					12	392	
J. H. Davis, P.	Charlotte C. H., "	Bethlehem, P.	10	1	54	5	1		4	5	7	8	8	6	187	5
		Concord, P.	6	2	72		2		4	4	1	3	7	12	225	
T. W. White, P.	Macfarland's,	Lunenburg, P.			46											
B. W. Moseley, P.	Oakley, "	Blue Stone, P.	4		67		1		25	40	25			12	500	
		Wytheburg, P.			17				12	12				10	120	
T. M. Niven, P.	News Ferry,	Mercy Seat, P.			41		1		17						584	28
J. M. Kirkpatrick, P.	Danville, "	"	2	3	123	2	6				11				1000	300
F. N. Whaley, P.	Clarksville,	Clarksville, P.	2		98	2			9	70			10	50	15	450
R. C. Anderson, S. S.	Henry C. H., "	Henry, S. S.	1		15	1			14					2	100	75
J. B. Shearer, S. S.	Black Walnut,	Spring Hill, S. S.	11	1	68	3			26	15				17	500	

MINISTERS, ETC.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Com. in ex.	Com. in cer.	Total Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	In S. S. & B. C.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sustentation.	Education.	Publication.	Com'rs & Con't Fund.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous
J. D. Dudley, P. (in trans.)	Ford's Depot, Va.	Byrd, P.	1	1	29	1	1		10	5		51	6	16	149	
Chas. Beach, S. S.	Gordonsville, Va.	Hebron, P.	7	3	13	4			10					8	309	
R. McIlwaine, P.	Farmville, Va.	South Plains, S. S.	11	13	43	5	8		10			20	7	7	613	
E. Woods, P.	Charlottesville, "	Farmville, P.	4	14	107	1	10		66	46		9	31	15	1587	
W. Dinwiddie, P.	Greenwood Depot, "	Charlottesville, P.	5	2	45	1			114			11	95	45	1397	
H. P. R. McCoy, P.	Thompson's X R'ds, "	Lebanon, P.	10	14	54	7	12		11					6	233	
Isaac W. K. Handy, D. D. P.	Orange C. H., "	Providence, P.							25					8	1866	
	Farmville, "	Orange, P.														
	Walker's Church, "	Cumberland, V.														
	Appomattox C. H., "	Walker's, S. S.														
	Madison C. H., "	Union, S. S.														
	New Store, "	Madison, V.														
J. K. Harris,	—17 Amherst C. H., "	New Store, S. S.	7	2	33	1	6		10				25		408	
	Palmyra, "	Amherst, S. S.	12	3	49	3	3		17							
	Cumberland C. H., "	Rivanna, V.														
	New Store, "	Willis, V.			13		2									
	Farmville, "	Appomattox, S. S.														
G. H. Gilmer, (in transit.)	Pittsylvania C. H., "															
P. P. Flournoy,	Darkestown, Md.															
W. C. Brooks,	Louisville, Ky.															
W. L. Bailey,	Nelly's Ford, Va.															
J. K. Hittner,	New Store, "															
Wm. U. Murkland,	Hampden Sidney, "															
			71	67	860	21	62		\$386	\$80		\$77	\$215	\$213	\$8652	
0. Pres. of Winchester.																
Wm. H. Foote, D. D. P.	Romney, W. Va.	Romney, P.	3	1	110	2	4	100		10				15	576	
	Baltimore, Md.	Springfield, P.	1	1	40	1	25								500	
Jas. G. Hanner, D. D., W. C.	Duffield's Depot, W. Va.	Elk Branch, S. S.	5	4	90	4					30			10	400	
Silas Billings, S. S.	Lebanon, Conn.															
W. B. Dutton, D. D., W. C.	Green Sp'g Dep't, W. Va.	Mt. Bethel, P.	3	3	30	1	40			2		5		5	30	
Moses Raymond, P.	Hedgesville, "	Falling Water, P.	3	1	103	6				3		30	2	15	900	
Lewis F. Wilson, P.		Tuscarora, S. S.	3	1	28						20			6	200	
Robert T. Berry, S. S.	Front Royal, Va.	Front Royal, S. S.	3	1	45	2	2	25			10			8	600	

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GENERAL VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURING THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER, 1867.

Synods in connection with the General Assembly,	10
Presbyteries,	48
Ministers and Licentiates,	850
Churches,	1,309
Candidates for ministry, (reported,)	68
Members added on examination,	5,977
Members added on certificate,	2,432
Total number of communicants,	80,532
Adults baptized,	1,677
Infants baptized,	3,449
Children in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes,	39,473
Amount contributed to Sustentation,	\$24,832
Amount contributed to Foreign Missions,	9,612
Amount contributed to Publication,	11,402
Amount contributed to Education,	10,823
Amount contributed for Congregational purposes,	452,463
Amount contributed for Miscellaneous purposes,	41,899
Amount contributed for Presbyterianial purposes,	5,212
Whole amount contributed,	576,243

NOTE.—The statistics reported with reference to the number of churches organised or, dissolved, to ministers received from or dismissed to other denominations, to ordinations, installations, etc., are altogether too meagre to justify the Stated Clerk in taking any notice of them in the above general view. With regard to the other statistics, given above, some of them are pretty fully reported; but every deficiency has been supplied by a careful calculation, founded upon previous reports from Presbyteries and other sources.

The following ministers have died during the year, according to the Presbyterian reports; although there are doubtless others whose names ought to be added, but which have not been reported by Stated Clerks of Presbyteries:

NAMES.
 Jesse L. Frary,
 James E. Hughes,
 John W. McMurran,
 R. L. Douglass,
 R. Y. Russell,
 J. A. Davies.
 Alexander Wilson, D. D.,
 Edson Hart,
 John W. Reid,
 James Gamble,
 J. F. Lanneau,
 Pliny Fiske,

PRESBYTERIES.
 Winchester.
 “
 Rappahannock.
 Bethel.
 “
 “
 Orange.
 New Orleans.
 Augusta.
 Cherokee.
 “
 Indian.

JOSEPH R. WILSON,
Stated Clerk of the Assembly.

MODERATORS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FROM 1861 TO 1867.

- 1861. Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D.
- 1862. Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D.
- 1863. Rev. James A. Lyon, D. D.
- 1864. Rev. John S. Wilson, D. D.
- 1865. Rev. George Howe, D. D.
- 1866. Rev. A. H. Kerr, D. D.
- 1867. Rev. T. V. Moore, D. D.

STATED CLERKS FROM 1861 TO 1867.

- 1861. Rev. John N. Waddel, D. D.
- 1865. Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.

PERMANENT CLERKS FROM 1861 TO 1867.

- 1861. Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.
- 1865. Rev. William Brown, D. D.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES

ARE EARNESTLY REQUESTED

1. To make their Annual Reports to the Assembly. If they have no printed blanks, let the reports be made after the form on the page opposite. Blanks can always be obtained on application to the Executive Committee of Publication.

2. To make their Reports in fair, distinct writing, especially the columns of figures.

3. To make them as accurate and full as possible. If, in any instance, churches do not report to Presbyteries, it is desirable that their number of communicants should be inserted from their last report.

4. To report *no cents* in the money columns.

5. To *add up* each column of figures with care. Many still neglect this, and thus oblige the Clerk of the Assembly to do what they should do themselves.

6. To append to the statistics of Presbyteries a brief account of the changes which have occurred during the year, such as the *number* of licensures, ordinations, installations, dismissions of pastors, organisation of new churches, and the names of ministers deceased.

7. To transmit their reports to the Stated Clerk, either at the meeting of the Assembly, or at Augusta, Ga., *not later than the 20th day of May*.

Blank forms for *Sessional Reports*, or for any other purpose, are not furnished by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, but are kept *for sale* by the Executive Committee of Publication, by order of the Assembly of 1867.

TO THE STATED CLERKS OF SYNODS.

It is the duty of these officers to send up to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly an Annual Report, stating the number of Presbyteries, Ministers, Churches, Licentiates, and Candidates, within their bounds; and particularly all changes which have been made in the arrangement of Presbyteries. It is also their duty to transmit to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly a notice of the time and place of meetings of their respective Synods. Should these duties be faithfully performed, it will hereafter be possible to publish in the Minutes a "General View of Synods," which it is highly important to preserve from year to year as a part of the history of the Church.

FORM OF PRESBYTERIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Presbytery of Licentiates, and		Candidates, viz.:		Ministers, and have under their care		Churches,	
MINISTERS, LICENTIATES, AND CANDIDATES.		POST OFFICES.		CHURCHES.			
A— B—, P. &c.				C—, P.			
D— E, &c. Licentiates—3. Candidates—5.							

Follow the above with a statement of licenses, ordinations, installations, pastoral relations dissolved, churches organized or dissolved, or received or dismissed to other denominations, and ministers received or dismissed to other denominations, or removed by death, since last Report.

Dated;

Signed, _____, Stated Clerk.

give the *names* of licentiates, but only the *number* of candidates, without name. It is earnestly requested that the above order of columns may be strictly followed, and that the columns may all be carefully added up. To ministers who are pastors, annex *P.*; to stated supplies, *S. S.*; to Domestic Missionaries, *D. M.*; to Foreign Missionaries, *F. M.*; to Presidents of Colleges, *Pres.*; to Professors in Colleges or Theological Seminaries, *Prof.*; to Agents, *Ag.* To congregations which have pastors, annex *P.*; to those which have stated supplies, *S. S.*; and to those which are vacant, *V.*

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES

EMBRACED IN THE PRECEDING STATISTICAL TABLE.

NOTE.—The Post office addresses in this list, in some cases, differ from those given in the Tables, the list having been prepared to correspond with recent changes. The figures denote the page of the tables on which the name may be found.

- Adams, Wm. H., Charleston, S. C., 227.
 Adger, D. D., J. B., Columbia, S. C., 229.
 Alexander, Henry C., Charlotte C. H., Va., 238.
 Alexander, James C., Greensboro', N. C., 225.
 Alexander, J. H., Kosciusko, Miss., 213.
 Alexander, J. H., Quitman, Ga., 209.
 Alexander, S. C., Black River Chapel, N. C., 225.
 Anderson, E., Summerfield, Ala., 201.
 Anderson, John, Jacksonport, Ark., 203.
 Anderson, J., Clarksville, Texas., 231.
 Anderson, J., Monroe, Davidson College, N. C., 226.
 Anderson, Robert B., Yorkville, S. C., 222.
 Anderson, Robert C., Henry C. H., Va., 238.
 Anderson, Robert N., Ca Ira, Va., 239.
 Anderson, W. J., Trenton, Tenn., 212.
 Arbutnot, J. S., Marion, Ala., 202.
 Archer, Stevenson, Greenville, Miss., 214.
 Armistead, D. D., Jesse S., Farmville, Va., 239.
 Armistead, C. J., Farmville, Va., 240.
 Armstrong, D. D., G. D., Norfolk, Va., 233.
 Atkinson, G. M., Canton, Miss., 213.
 Atkinson, Joseph M., Raleigh, N. C., 224.
 Atkinson, D. D., J. M. P., Hampden Sidney, Va., 239.
 Axson, D. D., I. S. K., Savannah, Ga., 209.
 Axson, Samuel E., Rome, Ga., 208.
- Bachman, J. W., Rogersville, Tenn., 218.
 Bailey, J. S., McConnellsville, S. C., 226.
 Bailey, W. L., Nelly's Ford, Va., 240.
 Bain, John R., Gallatin, Tenn., 219.
 Baird, D. D., E. T., Richmond, Va., 234.
 Baird, James R., Yorkville, S. C., 224.
 Baird, Washington, Jonesboro', Ga., 206.
 Baker, Archibald, Fernandina, Fla., 208.
 Baker, C. A., Benton, Ala., 200.
 Baker, John W., Marietta, Ga., 207.
 Baker, R. M., LaFayette, Ga., 207.
 Baker, William E., Staunton, Va., 235.
 Balch, Thomas B., Nokesville, Va., 238.
 Balentine, H., Boggy Depot, C. N., Ark., 204.
 Banks, Alexander R., Rocky Mount, La., 205, 216.
 Banks, H. H., Asheville, N. C., 222.
 Banks, William, Hazelwood, S. C., 225.
 Bardwell, Joseph, Vicksburg, Miss., 213.
 Barkley, Andrew H., Crawfordville, Miss., 217.
 Barnett, E. H., Lynchburg, Va., 237.
 Barr, J., Calvin, Lewisburg, W. Va., 234.
 Barr, James S., Lincoln, N. C., 221.
 Bartlett, J. L., Sumter, S. C., 228.
 Beach, Charles, Charlottesville, Va., 240.
 Beall, B. L., Charlotte, N. C., 221.
 Bedinger, E. W., Shepherdstown, W. Va., 241.
 Bell, John, Greenville, Texas, 231.
 Bell, Robert S., Washington, Va., 238.
 Bell, T. D., Harrisonburg, Va., 235.
 Beman, D. D., C. P., Mount Zion, Ga., 206.
 Benton, Thomas H., Skullyville, C. N., 204.
 Berry, Robert T., Piedmont Station, Va., 240.
- Bertron, Samuel R., Port Gibson, Miss., 215.
 Billings, Elias, Duffield's Depot, Va., 240.
 Bingham, Samuel J., Garlandville, Miss., 203.
 Bingham, W. B., Clinton, Ala., 203.
 Bittinger, M. H., Indian Creek, W. Va., 234.
 Black, Duncan B., Burgaw, N. C., 222.
 Blackburn, John N., Athens, Ala., 220.
 Blain, D., Collierstown, Va., 236.
 Blain, John S., Deerfield, Va., 235.
 Blain, Samuel W., Williamsburg, Va., 231.
 Blair, B. B., Point Pleasant, W. Va., 235.
 Blair, William C., Lavacca, Texas, 232.
 Blanton, Lindsay H., Salem, Va., 237.
 Bocock, D. D., John H., Fincastle, Va., 236, 239.
 Boggs, D. C., Winstboro', S. C., 228.
 Boggs, G. W., Evergreen, Ala., 202.
 Boggs, George W., Columbia, S. C., 227.
 Boggs, W. E., Columbia, S. C., 227.
 Boone, Joseph, Montgomery, Texas, 230.
 Boude, Henry B., Gallatin, Tenn., 219.
 Bowden, Nathan T., Powelton, N. C., 223.
 Bowman, D. D., Francis, Mt. Sidney, Va., 235.
 Bowman, F. H., Mt. Sidney, Va., 236.
 Bowman, J. Rice, Harrisonburg, Va., 236.
 Boyd, T. M., Spring Hill, Ark., 205.
 Brackett, O. R., Winstboro', S. C., 228.
 Bradley, Robert, Kingstree, S. C., 228.
 Bradshaw, James N., Powersville, Ga., 209.
 Bradshaw, T. R., 218.
 Brantley, E. T., Lebanon, Tenn., 219.
 Brearley, H. M., Shoe Heel, N. C., 228.
 Brearley, William, Darlington C. H., S. C., 227.
 Briscoe, John P., Blountville, Tenn., 218.
 Bright, D. D., J. E., Minden, La., 216.
 Brooks, W. C., Louisville, Ky., 240.
 Brown, Henry, Athens, Tenn., 235.
 Brown, Hugh A., Mossing Ford, Va., 234.
 Brown, H. C., Clarendon, Ark., 203.
 Brown, Joseph, Live Oak, Fla., 208.
 Brown, John Calvin, Kanawha Salines, W. Va., 234.
 Brown, J. D. A., Florence, S. C., 228.
 Brown, J. M., Relf's Bluff, Ark., 206.
 Brown, J. W., Timber Grove, Md., 237.
 Brown, Lee C., Hillsville, Va., 232.
 Brown, Samuel, Kerr's Creek, Va., 235.
 Brown, S. S., Winona, Miss., 313.
 Brown, Thomas, Abingdon, Va., 232.
 Brown, D. D., William, Richmond, Va., 233.
 Bryson, J. H., Shelbyville, Tenn., 220.
 Buist, E. H., Society Hill, S. C., 228.
 Buist, D. D., Edward T., Greenville C. H., S. C., 229.
 Bullock, D. D., J. J., Baltimore, Md., 237.
 Bunting, D. D., R. F., Nashville, Tenn., 219.
 Burgett, D. D., J. R., Mobile, Ala., 202.
 Burkhead, J. D. W., Athens, Ga., 207.
 Burwell, Robert, Charlotte, N. C., 220.
 Buttolph, D. L., Marietta, Ga., 209.
 Byers, R. H., Clear Creek Station, Texas, 230.

Byington, Cyrus, Stockbridge, Mass., 204.

Caldwell, A. H., Sardis, Miss., 211.
 Caldwell, C. K., Denmark, Tenn., (not reported.)
 Caldwell, George A., Bristol, Tenn., 218.
 Caldwell, J. M. M., Statesville, N. C., 221.
 Caldwell, O. B., Cornersville, Tenn., 219.
 Caldwell, Robert, Pulaski, Tenn., 220.
 Caldwell, R. H., Enola, N. C., 222.
 Caldwell, W. E., Elkton, Tenn., 219.
 Calhoun, N. W., Upper Track, Va., 235.
 Calhoun, P., Rodney, Miss., 215.
 Cameron, W., Jackson, Tenn., 212.
 Campbell, A. D., Louisville, Ala., 201.
 Campbell, C. N., Charlestown, W. Va., 241.
 Campbell, Duncan A., Brandon, Miss., 213.
 Campbell, E. S., Humboldt, Tenn., 212.
 Campbell, R. B., Canton, Miss., 213.
 Campbell, S. B., Leesburg, Tenn., 218.
 Campbell, William A., Powhatan C. H., Va., 233.
 Campbell, William G., Mt. Sidney, Va., 235.
 Carlile, William, Anderson C. H., S. C., 228.
 Carothers, J. N., Houston, Miss., 216.
 Carothers, W. W., Yorkville, S. C., 226.
 Carrington, Alexander B., Aspenwall, Va., 230.
 Carruth, T. A., Wellborn, Fla., 209.
 Carter, H. C., Dalton, Ga., 208.
 Carter, W. A., Pensacola, Fla., 202.
 Carter, William B., Elizabethton, Tenn., 218.
 Cartledge, Groves H., Bold Spring, Ga., 206.
 Case, Joel T., Victoria, Texas, 232.
 Cater, Edwin, Secola, Miss., 217.
 Chamberlain, N. P., Thibodaux, La., 216.
 Chandler, A. E., Wacahoota, Fla., 208.
 Chandler, S. E., Mayesville, S. C., 228.
 Chapman, J. B., Spring Hill, Tenn., 219.
 Chapman, D. D., R. H., Hendersonville, N. C., 221.
 Chase, D. D., Benjamin, Natchez, Miss., 215.
 Chevalier, Nicholas, Gonzales, Texas, 232.
 Cleghorn, Elisha B., New York, 216.
 Cleland, Thomas H., Fayette, Miss., 215.
 Cleveland, T. P., Paeoli, Ga., 207.
 Clisby, A. W., Thomasville, Ga., 208.
 Clymer, J. M., Woodstock, Va., 241.
 Coble, John H., Shoe Heel, N. C., 223.
 Cochran, Isaac, Darlington Heights, Va., 238.
 Cochran, John M., Huntsville, Texas, 230.
 Colton, D. D., Simeon, Asheboro, N. C., 222.
 Colton, J. H., Bostick's Mills, N. C., 223.
 Comfort, David, Boston, Ga., 208.
 Connelly, J. M., Gonzales, Texas, 232.
 Conolly, Malcom C., Brenham, Texas, 230.
 Converse, D. D., A., Richmond, Va., 235.
 Converse, F. B., Richmond, Va., 234.
 Cooper, R. E., Rock Hill, S. C., 228.
 Copeland, Charles C., Wheelock, C. N., Ark., 204.
 Corbett, William B., Cheraw, S. C., 228.
 Cozby, J. S., Savannah, Ga., 209.
 Cousar, James A., Little Rock, S. C., 227.
 Craig, John N., Lancaster C. H., S. C., 226.
 Crane, Edward P., Pittsburg, Pa., 208.
 Crane, William H., Quincy, Fla., 208.
 Crawford, A. L., Arkadelphia, Ark., 205.
 Crawford, T. C., Dirt Town, Ga., 207.
 Crawford, W. A., Winchester, Va., 241.
 Crawford, W. H., New Castle, Va., 237.
 Cunnalus, D. H., Covington, Tenn., 210.
 Cumpston, E. H., Darcy's Store, Md., 238.
 Cunningham, D. D., A. N., Franklin, Tenn., 219.
 Cunningham, D. D., H. B., Oakland, Md., 227.
 Cunningham, D. D., William B., LaGrange, Ga., 205.
 Currie, Archibald, Graham, N. C., 224.
 Curtis, L. W., Canaan 4 Corners, N. Y., 225.
 Custer, Philander M., Harrisonburg, Va., 235.
 Dabney, D. D., R. L., Hampden Sidney, Va., 230.
 Dalton, P. H., Washington, N. C., 224.
 Dana, William C., Charleston, S. C., 226.
 Daniel, I. J., Raymond, Miss., 213.
 Darnall, H. T., Giles C. H., Va., 237.
 Davidson, E. C., Water Valley, Miss., 211.
 Davidson, Joseph T., Homer, La., 216.
 Davies, S. W., Augusta, Ark., 203.
 Davis, John H., Charlotte C. H., Va., 238.
 Davis, Robert N., Lincolnton, N. C., 221.
 Davis, D. D., S. S., Augusta, Ga., 206.
 Davis, Thomas E., Davidson College, N. C., 221.
 Davis, William H., Calhoun's Mills, S. C., 220.

Deane, H. L., Griffin, Ga., 209.
 Denny, G. H., Old Church, Va., 234.
 DeVaux, T. L., Madison C. H., Fla., 208.
 Dickson, A. F., Orangeburg, S. C., 227.
 Dickson, H. R., Yorkville, S. C., 226.
 Dickson, J. A., Monticello, Ark., 205.
 Dickson, Michael, Milford, Texas, 231.
 Dinwiddie, William, Greenwood Depot, Va., 239.
 Doak, Daniel G., Oxford, Miss., 211.
 Dobbs, C. H., Kosciusko, Miss., 214.
 Dod, C. S., Plaquemine, La., 214.
 Doll, J., Yanceyville, N. C., 224.
 Donnelly, S., Greenwood, S. C., 229.
 Doremus, D. D., J. E. C., New Orleans, La., 214.
 Douglass, James, Blackstocks, S. C., 227.
 Douglas, John, Charlotte, N. C., 220.
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 Downing, J. G., Okolona, Miss., 201.
 DuBose, John E., Tallahassee, Fla., 208.
 Dudley, Jacob D., Ford's Depot, Va., 239.
 Dunlap, Mitchell D., Academy, Va., 234.
 Dunlop, James E., Marion C. H., S. C., 228.
 Dunlop, William C., New Orleans, La., 231.
 Dunwoody, James B., Washington, Ga., 207.
 Dutton, D. D., Warren B., Lebanon, Conn., 240.
 Eagleton, George E., Mt. Holly, Ark., 221.
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MINUTES.

BALTIMORE, MAY 21st, 1868.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States met, according to appointment, in the Franklin Street Presbyterian Church, in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, on Thursday, the 21st day of May, 1868, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. T. V. Moore, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, on Ephesians iv. 15, 16: "The head, even Christ, from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

After the sermon, the sessions of the Assembly were constituted with prayer.

The Permanent Clerk, from the Committee on Commissions, reported that the following commissioners had appeared and been regularly enrolled as members of this General Assembly:

I. SYNOD OF ALABAMA.

PRESBYTERIES.

1. *East Alabama,*
2. *South Alabama,*
3. *Tuskaloosa,*

MINISTERS.

- A. B. McCorkle,
W. J. Lowry,
Robt. B. White, D. D.,

RULING ELDERS.

- Wm. N. Bush. (2)*
J. D. Craig. (2)
Jonathan Bliss.

II. SYNOD OF ARKANSAS.

4. *Arkansas,*
5. *Indian,*
6. *Ouachita,*

- H. C. Brown,

- A. W. Lyon.

- E. McNair,

- W. H. Barry.

III. SYNOD OF GEORGIA.

7. *Atlanta,*
8. *Augusta,*
9. *Cherokees,*
10. *Florida,*
11. *Macon,*
12. *Savannah,*

- James Stacy,
C. W. Lane,
R. F. Taylor,
James Little.

- David Wills, D. D.,
D. Comfort,

- S. D. Irvin.
W. H. Waddell.
W. J. Manly.

- H. H. Jones.
H. A. Crane.

IV. SYNOD OF MEMPHIS.

13. *Chickasaw,*
14. *Memphis,*
15. *North Mississippi,*
16. *Tuscumbia,*
17. *Western District,*

- J. N. Waddel, D. D.,
J. O. Stedman, D. D.,
E. M. Richardson,
B. N. Sawtelle,
E. McNair,

- J. D. Anderson.
Sam'l. M. Neel.
R. W. Martin.
Wm. Simpson.
D. M. McKnight.

*The figures appended to the names indicate on what day of the sessions the commissioners first appeared.

V. SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

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| 18. <i>Central Mississippi,</i> | John Hunter, | John Handy. |
| 19. <i>Louisiana,</i> | J. E. C. Doremus, D. D. | |
| 20. <i>Mississippi,</i> | Joseph B. Stratton, D. D. | |
| 21. <i>New Orleans,</i> | Henry M. Smith, D. D., | David Hadden. |
| 22. <i>Red River.</i> | | |
| 23. <i>Tombeckbee,</i> | A. P. Smith, | A. M. Carothers. |

VI. SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.

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| 24. <i>Holston,</i> | J. R. King, | R. F. Patterson. (2) |
| 25. <i>Knoxville,</i> | W. W. Morrison, | John J. Dixon. |
| 26. <i>Nashville,</i> | H. B. Boude, | D. N. Kennedy. |
| 27. <i>North Alabama,</i> | W. E. Caldwell, | W. W. Cochran. |

VII. SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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| 28. <i>Concord,</i> | Daniel A. Penick, | A. T. Summey, |
| | G. W. McPhail, D. D., | E. Jones Erwin. |
| 29. <i>Fayetteville,</i> | S. C. Alexander, | C. T. Murphy, |
| | J. H. Colton, | B. Fuller. |
| 30. <i>Orange,</i> | Joseph M. Atkinson, | Jesse H. Lindsay. |

VIII. SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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| 31. <i>Bethel,</i> | Henry R. Dickson, | J. F. Hart. |
| 32. <i>Charleston,</i> | A. Flinn Dickson. | |
| 33. <i>Harmony,</i> | Donald McQueen, | T. L. Burgess. |
| | James McDowell, | J. A. Inglis. (3) |
| 34. <i>South Carolina,</i> | D. McNeill Turner, D. D., | T. C. Gower, |
| | D. Humphreys, | J. J. Norton. |

IX. SYNOD OF TEXAS.

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| 35. <i>Brazos,</i> | Sam'l. McKinney, D. D., | A. J. Burke. |
| 36. <i>Central Texas,</i> | Hillery Moseley. | |
| 37. <i>Eastern Texas.</i> | | |
| 38. <i>Western Texas.</i> | | |

X. SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

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| 39. <i>Abingdon,</i> | Joseph H. Martin, | D. C. Dunn. |
| 40. <i>East Hanover.</i> | T. V. Moore, D. D., | E. H. Fitzhugh, |
| | Chas. H. Read, D. D., | H. H. Robinson. |
| 41. <i>Greenbrier,</i> | M. D. Dunlap, | B. H. Sterrett. |
| 42. <i>Lexington,</i> | Thos. L. Preston, | J. D. Sterrett, |
| | W. W. Houston, | A. Leyburn. |
| 43. <i>Montgomery,</i> | James P. Smith, | T. J. Kirkpatrick. |
| 44. <i>Patapsco.</i> | J. A. Lefevre, | J. Harman Brown. |
| 45. <i>Rappahannock,</i> | John W. Pugh, | Wm. W. Williamson. |
| 46. <i>Roanoke,</i> | T. E. Peck, | Thomas Grasty. |
| 47. <i>West Hanover,</i> | Wm. Dinwiddie, | Wm. W. Dinwiddie. |
| 48. <i>Winchester,</i> | L. F. Wilson, | David H. Humphries. |

The Assembly then proceeded to the election of officers, whereupon the Rev. J. N. Waddel, D. D., a commissioner from the Presbytery of Chickasaw, was chosen as Moderator, and the Rev. H. B. Boude, a commissioner from the Presbytery of Nashville, was chosen as Temporary Clerk.

It was ordered that the daily sessions of the Assembly shall be from half-past 9 o'clock, a. m., till half-past 2 o'clock, p. m., and that the last half hour shall be spent in devotional exercises, under the appointment of the Moderator.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.
Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING, May 22—9½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.
The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following additional commissioners were reported, viz.: from the Presbytery of Holston, R. F. Patterson, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of East Alabama, Wm. N. Bush, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of South Alabama, J. D. Craig, ruling elder.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

On Bills and Overtures. T. V. Moore, D. D., Sam'l. McKinney, D. D., J. M. Atkinson, David Wills, D. D., A. B. McCorkle, C. W. Lane, Jonathan Bliss, W. H. Waddell, David Hadden.

Judicial Committee. D. McNeill Turner, D. D., J. E. C. Doremus, D. D., E. McNair, (Presbytery of Arkansas,) Joseph H. Martin, D. N. Kennedy, John Handy, E. H. Fitzhugh.

On Theological Seminaries. J. O. Stedman, D. D., James Little, W. J. Lowry, E. M. Richardson, E. Jones Erwin, W. W. Dinwiddie, H. H. Jones.

On Sustentation. Henry M. Smith, D. D., D. Humphreys, W. E. Caldwell, H. Moseley, A. Flinn Dickson, John W. Pugh, D. A. Penick, Wm. Simpson, B. Fuller, A. Leyburn, J. J. Norton, A. T. Summey.

On Foreign Missions. C. H. Read, D. D., T. L. Preston, W. W. Morrison, B. N. Sawtelle, Henry R. Dickson, H. A. Crane, A. W. Lyon, Sam'l. M. Neel, A. M. Carothers.

On Publication. Joseph B. Stratton, D. D., Donald McQueen, J. P. Smith, J. A. Lefevre, H. B. Boude, James McDowell, T. J. Kirkpatrick, Jesse H. Lindsay, R. W. Martin, W. J. Manly.

On Education. G. Wilson McPhail, D. D., L. F. Wilson, Wm. Dinwiddie, R. F. Taylor, S. C. Alexander, D. M. McKnight, J. J. Dixon, T. L. Burgess.

On Systematic Benevolence. T. E. Peck, D. D., E. McNair, (Presbytery of Western District,) J. H. Colton, A. J. Burke, D. C. Dunn, J. D. Sterrett.

On Foreign Correspondence. John Hunter, J. R. King, W. W. Houston, H. C. Brown, David H. Humphries, J. F. Hart, W. H. Barry, B. H. Sterrett.

On the Narrative. R. B. White, D. D., D. Comfort, M. D. Dunlap, C. T. Murphy, W. W. Cochran, Thomas Grasty.

On Leave of Absence. James Stacy, L. H. Robinson, S. D. Irvin, B. H. Sterrett, W. W. Williamson.

Devotional Exercises. J. A. Lefevre, J. Harman Brown, T. C. Gower.

COMMITTEES ON SYNODICAL RECORDS:

Alabama. J. H. Martin, A. W. Lyon.

Arkansas. H. R. Dickson, J. Handy.

Georgia. E. M. Richardson, David Hadden.

Memphis. A. P. Smith, E. J. Erwin.

Mississippi. J. Little, J. Bliss.

Nashville. H. Moseley, E. H. Fitzhugh.

North Carolina. T. L. Preston, J. J. Norton.

South Carolina. D. A. Penick, B. Fuller.

Texas. W. J. Lowry, H. A. Crane.

Virginia. A. B. McCorkle, J. H. Lindsay.

A paper from the Presbytery of West Hanover in regard to modifying the present schedule for the Presbyterial reports, was presented and referred to the Committee on Systematic Benevolence.

The annual reports of the Executive Committees of Education, (including the records of the Committee,) of Foreign Missions, Publication, (including the Treasurer's report and the records of the Committee,) and Sustentation, were read by the Secretaries, and referred to the Standing Committees on those subjects.

The report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary was read, and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminaries.

Reports on the subject of secular education, which had been sent down to the Presbyteries by the last General Assembly, were ordered to be handed in to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A special committee, consisting of Messrs. McQueen, Richardson, and Irvin, was appointed to receive and consider the reports of Presbyteries on Evangelistic Labor.

The Rev. Robert L. Breck was introduced to the Assembly as a delegate from the Synod of Kentucky, and delivered an address conveying the assurance of the kind feeling, sympathy, and confidence of that body, and explaining its present position in regard to an organic connexion with this Assembly. To this address an appropriate response was made by the Moderator.

An invitation from the Synod of Kentucky to have the next General Assembly appointed to meet in the city of Louisville, having been presented by Mr. Breck, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Assembly acknowledges the courtesy of the Synod of Kentucky in inviting this body to hold its next sessions in Louisville, but while we heartily reciprocate the sympathy, affection, and respect, which the Synod has expressed for us, the Assembly judges it inexpedient to accept the invitation under present circumstances.

The meeting of the next General Assembly was appointed to be held in the Government Street Presbyterian Church in the city of Mobile, on the third Thursday in May, 1868, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Synodical records were called for and placed in the hands of the committees appointed.

An overture from the Presbytery of Atlanta in regard to the office of deacons was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

It was ordered that the sessions of the Assembly shall hereafter begin at 9 o'clock a. m., that a recess of thirty minutes shall be taken at 12 m., and the hour of adjournment shall be 2 o'clock p. m.

After a half hour spent in devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. David Humphreys, the Assembly adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING, May 23—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. S. McKinney.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Ruling elder J. A. Inglis was reported and enrolled as a commissioner from the Presbytery of Harmony.

The reports of the Directors and of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, were read, and, with the Treasurer's report and the records of the Board of Directors and the Faculty, were referred to the Committee on Theological Seminaries.

It was made the order of the day for Tuesday next, at 10 o'clock a. m., to hear the Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor, D. D., a Secretary of the American Bible Society.

The records of the Synod of Alabama were, upon recommendation of the committee of review, approved, with the exception that on page 33, it is not stated that the reports of Committees on Presbyterian Records were adopted.

The records of the Synod of Georgia were, upon recommendation of the committee of review, approved.

An overture from the church of Eufaula, Alabama, was presented and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Rev. C. W. Lane presented certain resolutions on the subject of Sustentation, which were referred to the Standing Committee on that subject.

The Treasurer of the Assembly, Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., presented his annual report, which was approved.

A resolution from the Presbytery of Winchester, calling attention to the last report of the Treasurer of Publication, was presented by Mr. Humphries, and referred to the Standing Committee on that subject.

Mr. J. A. Inglis, ruling elder, was added to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay presented a report from the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly, which was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Martin, Morrison, and Kennedy.

The Rev. D. McQueen, from the Committee on Evangelistic Labor, made a report on that subject, which was adopted, and is, as follows:

The Committee appointed by the Assembly to review and report upon the Reports of the Presbyteries, touching the matter of evangelistic labors within their bounds, according to the injunction of the last Assembly, (see Minutes of last Assembly, p. 152.) would report—

1. That only eleven Presbyteries, viz., Bethel, Mississippi, West Hanover, Lexington, Knoxville, Nashville, South Carolina, Ouachita, Harmony, Rappahannock, and Greenbrier, have reported at all.

2. That of these eleven Presbyteries, only four have appointed evangelists, viz., Mississippi, Knoxville, South Carolina, and Greenbrier. But

3. That in all these Presbyteries evangelistic labors have been performed by the pastors of the churches under the direction of the Committees of Domestic Missions.

These reports exhibit a mournful state of poverty, and of inability in consequence, to sustain the preached word among a large number of their churches. But at the same time they manifest the lovely gospel rule of the strong helping the weak, by surrendering a portion of the time of their pastors to supply the lack of service in these destitute and impoverished churches. It is apparent, too, from these reports, that the Assembly's Committee of Sustentation is doing a noble work in this wide field of poverty and of destitution, dispensing the benefactions of the Church, and of many of God's people not in connexion with us, among those who would otherwise have been left to all the wasting extremities of utter poverty. It is to be lamented that the Presbyteries have failed so generally to report to the Assembly the evangelistic labors within their respective bounds, inasmuch as it is believed, (if we take the reports which have been rendered as a sample of the whole,) a mass of information would have been presented before the eye of the Assembly, exhibiting an amount of destitution

never known in this land before, and an amount of self-denial in the work of the gospel, exhibiting the spirit of the Master, drawn forth by these hitherto unusual circumstances, in a manner exceedingly impressive.

The Committee in conclusion would recommend to the Assembly to reiterate the injunction of the last Assembly, to be found on page 152 of the Minutes.

D. McQUEEN, CHAIRMAN.

The Rev. Dr. Moore, from the Committee on Bills and Overtures, presented a paper on the reports of Presbyteries concerning a Southern Presbyterian University, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, to which were referred the answers of Presbyteries to the Overture on Education, sent down by the last Assembly, report that replies have been received from twenty-two Presbyteries. The object understood to be aimed at in the overture of the Assembly, is embodied in a memorial from the Presbytery of Tombeckbee, contained in their reply, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That this Presbytery hereby memorialize the General Assembly to take the initiative at once in establishing a great central institution of learning under their supervision and control, in which the whole Church shall be united, and in which the youth of the Church shall be trained and qualified to become intelligent office-bearers in the Church of God, whilst at the same time they may pursue the different professions and callings in life."

The memorializing Presbytery and one other have recommended the establishment of such an institution. Of the other Presbyteries, seven deny the right of the Church to engage in the work of secular education, thirteen declare that it is inexpedient to undertake such an enterprise, and one simply affirms the resolutions sent down by the Assembly.

In view of the above facts, and in view of the fact that twenty-six Presbyteries have not responded to this overture, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the whole matter be indefinitely postponed.
2. That our people be urged to establish and encourage schools and colleges under Presbyterian influence, and be earnestly advised not to send their children to schools where they are likely to be estranged from their own Church.

It was resolved that a meeting of the Assembly shall be held on next Monday night at 8 o'clock, at which time the report of the Standing Committee on Education shall be presented, and the whole subject be brought up for consideration; and that a similar meeting shall be held on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, in behalf of Foreign Missions.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. T. J. Kirkpatrick, was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to consider and report to this Assembly on the subject of Sabbath Schools, and that they suggest some plan by which a deeper interest in this great work may be awakened in all our churches.

Messrs. H. M. Smith, A. F. Dickson, T. J. Kirkpatrick, D. N. Kennedy, and Thos. Grasty, were appointed said Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Baird made a supplementary report from the Committee of Publication, which was referred to the Standing Committee on that subject.

After a season spent in devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Read, the Assembly adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, May 25—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The Rev. S. C. Alexander read an overture from several ministers, the object of which was to have section 4 of chapter x., Form of Government, erased, which was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. McKinney, the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, concerning secular education, was reconsidered. The report was amended in the second resolution by adding the words "and colleges," and then re-adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made a report on the memorial from Eufaula church, which was adopted, and is as follows:

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, to be convened at Baltimore, May 21st, 1868:

The undersigned, in behalf of the Presbyterian church in Eufaula, Ala., would respectfully represent to the Assembly—

1. That the church is at present in the Presbytery of East Alabama.
2. That it occupies an isolated position on the outskirts of the Presbytery, which renders it very inconvenient and expensive, not to say impossible, to meet all Presbyterial obligations promptly and faithfully; moreover, that it is cut off by reason of its geographical position from ministerial and Christian intercourse and fellowship with almost all the churches of Presbytery.

3. That it is so situated with respect to Macon Presbytery, Synod of Georgia, as to have easy railroad communication with most of the churches in that Presbytery, and could, therefore, with less expense and cost of time, discharge the duty and enjoy the privilege of representation in Presbytery, as well as of hearty co-operation in the work of the Church.

We therefore present this overture to the Assembly, and respectfully ask that the lines of the Synod of Alabama and of Georgia be so changed, that Eufaula church may be included within the Presbytery of Macon, in the Synod of Georgia.

JOHN S. DOBBINS,

J. C. MARTIN,

W. T. SIMPSON,

J. M. BUFORD,

Ruling Elders Eufaula church.

Resolved, That this overture be referred to the Synod of Alabama, for an expression of its views on the subject, with directions to report to the next Assembly.

Mr. H. H. Jones offered certain resolutions in regard to the pastoral relation, which were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Rev. Dr. Stedman, from the Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Theological Seminaries report to the General Assembly, that they learn from the Report of the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary which has been presented to the Assembly, that the whole number of students in the Seminary has been twenty-four, eight of whom have completed the whole course of study prescribed, and five of the now graduating class have it in purpose to devote themselves to the gospel ministry in foreign lands. The examinations of the classes have been more than usually satisfactory; the condition of the buildings has been greatly and tastefully improved during the past year; an addition of five hundred and seventy volumes has been made to the

Library; a new scholarship has been added to those previously in existence, called the "Baxter Douglas" scholarship, through a legacy of Miss N. Read, of Lexington, Va.; the financial condition of the Seminary is healthful; and the prospects of the Seminary altogether encouraging and promising.

The Committee also learn from the Reports of the Board of Directors and Faculty of the Columbia Theological Seminary, that twenty-three students have been in attendance during the past session; that not a dollar is now due by the Seminary for any services rendered previous to January 1st, 1868; that the incomes and expenditures have been such as to leave only a small balance due the Professors on account of salary; that, with the exception of the sudden death of one of the students by a stroke of lightning, the health of the students has been good, and their studies uninterrupted; their attention to their studies has been commendable; their conduct as Christians exemplary, and their zeal and devotion in works of usefulness, so far as opportunities have been afforded them, unremitted.

The gratifying fact is mentioned in the Reports, likewise, that such changes and improvements have been made in the boarding-house department, and such facilities afforded, that simple board has been reduced to the low price of \$15 per month, and the entire expenses of a student, to only \$150 per annum. This is to be noticed as a remarkable and unprecedented fact, and is indicative of the special goodness of God in enabling his servants to put into successful operation such a system of economical arrangement as will afford very great advantages to a largely increased number of students who may feel it their duty to prosecute their theological studies at that Seminary.

The Committee would also call the attention of the Assembly to the fact of the noble spirit of self-denial and self-sacrifice on the part of those Professors in the Seminary, whose support depends in large measure upon contributions from the churches, in that they have voluntarily and generously relinquished a large portion of the salaries that remained unpaid and was due them on January 1st, 1868, and in that they have solicited of the Board of Directors to request the Assembly to reduce their salaries from \$3,000 to \$2,500. And also to the noble imitation of their example on the part of the venerable Emeritus Professor, who has surrendered all claims to the arrearages due him on the first of January last.

The Committee have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Seminary as carefully as they could, and from all the lights before them, would report them as accurate and correct. The Minutes of the Faculty and Board of Directors have also been examined, and found to be properly kept and correct.

In view of the above facts, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.:

1. That we return devout and hearty thanks to Almighty God who has vouchsafed his special protection to his servants, the Professors of Union and Columbia Seminaries, and the students under their charge, and has granted them abundant and uninterrupted health, to the successful, comfortable, and efficient discharge of their duties and responsibilities.

2. That we most cordially acknowledge the great goodness of our heavenly Father in giving such promise of success and usefulness to these Seminaries, under the wise and judicious management of the guardians thereof, in the exemplary piety, diligence, and devotion of the young men committed to their care, and in the general prosperity and healthfulness of the same, and that we hereby commend these institutions to the continued and increasing sympathies, prayers, and liberal contributions of all our churches.

3. That we acknowledge the favor and mercy of God in granting abundant grace to his servants at Columbia, to submit voluntarily and cheerfully to sacrifices for Christ and his cause, in relinquishing so large a portion of the salaries due them, at such a time of pressing and sore emergency and trial as the present. And that we do hereby formally express our high and tender appreciation of their noble spirit of self-denial and devotion.

4. That under all the circumstances of the case, considering the exigencies of the times in which God's providence has placed us, the voluntary and unsolicited

request of the Professors at Columbia, and in view of the assent already given by the Board to their request, the action of the Board in the case be, and the same is hereby, approved and sanctioned. At the same time, it is a matter of the deepest regret that there should even *seem* to be any *necessity* for such a course, as all the principles of justice and right force upon us the conviction that all past deficiencies in the salaries of these beloved brethren, who have been and still are toiling on so laboriously for the interests of the Church in training her young men for the holy ministry, should be fully made up to them. We assent to this arrangement only because of the seeming necessity of it. And so far as the reduction of their *present* salaries is concerned, it is earnestly to be hoped that this reduction shall continue only for the shortest possible time. And we would hereby recommend, that so soon as returning prosperity in the country, and the condition of the finances of the Seminary will justify the measure, there shall be a return to the full salaries to which they have been accustomed.

5. That we regard it as a manifest token of the special goodness of God, that in the times of our deepest poverty and distress, when despondency and fears were upon many, and when there have been strong temptations to induce young men to seek other employments than the work of the holy ministry, the increase of candidates has been steady and constant, and that so large a proportion of our young men have turned their attention to the foreign field. We look upon this fact as evidence and proof to us as a Church that the Lord has not forsaken us, but that he is ready to minister to us of his spiritual benefits to our edification and comfort, even though he smite in judgment for our sins and take from us the earthly goods in which we have been too prone to trust as sources of happiness. We devoutly thank him for his mercy amidst his severe chastisements of us as a Church, and that he is abundantly proving to us that as he has torn he will also heal, as he hath smitten he will bind us up, and that as he has shewed us great and sore troubles, nevertheless he will bring us up again from the depths of the earth, and will revive us and raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Let us follow on to know the Lord, and take these blessings and mercies as tokens of his love, and our sweet experience will teach us that his going forth shall be prepared as the morning, and that he shall come to us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

The Committee recommend as Directors of the Seminary at Columbia: Rev. Dr. J. L. Wilson, Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilson, Rev. Messrs. Wm. Banks, Wm. Flinn, A. Flinn Dickson, D. McQueen, J. A. Ansley, Esq., Gen. J. Gillam, Dr. J. W. Simpson, and Prof. Joseph LeConte; Treasurer, Henry Muller, Esq.

The Committee in relation to Sabbath-schools made a report, which, being amended, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of Sabbath-schools, respectfully report that an examination of the Minutes of the last Assembly shows a report of 1,309 churches, 853 ministers, 80,532 members, and only 400 Sabbath-schools, and 31,551 children in Sabbath-schools and Bible classes.

Two Presbyteries make no report of any Sabbath-schools; two Presbyteries report only two each; and five report only three Sabbath-schools each; and in other cases the relative number reported is very small indeed.

The Committee cannot believe that this astonishing contrast represents the actual condition of our Church; it is nevertheless evident that the importance of this subject is strangely overlooked.

The Committee, therefore, recommend

1. That our Presbyteries be enjoined to see that Sabbath-schools in the churches, and mission schools under the care of the churches, be established in all cases where it is practicable; and also to send up annually special reports of the extent and character of the Sabbath-school work within their bounds;

2. That there be added to the Standing Committees of the General Assembly, a Committee on Sabbath-schools.

The Committee to which was referred the report of the Trustees

of the General Assembly, made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee to which was referred the First Annual Report of the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, with accompanying papers, offer the following report :

1. The gratifying information is communicated to the General Assembly, that the Trustees have effected a legal organisation as a corporate body, under a charter granted by the State of North Carolina, and that the following officers have been elected, viz.: Thomas C. Perrin, President; Joseph H. Wilson, Vice President; Jesse H. Lindsay, Secretary and Treasurer. The complete organisation of the Board of Trustees having been accomplished, the Presbyterian Church in the United States now has a legal body that can take, hold, and preserve all its property interests.

2. The Trustees having suggested in their Report that the number of Trustees be reduced by the General Assembly to nine, the Committee recommend that no change be made in this particular. It is further recommended that the present number of Trustees, which is fifteen, be divided into three classes of five each, of whom the first class shall be appointed to hold office for one year, the second class for two years, the third class for three years, and that, as the term of office of these classes shall severally expire, the vacancy annually occurring shall be filled by the appointment of five Trustees, who shall serve for three years. In accordance with this classification, the following appointments are recommended :

FOR ONE YEAR.

Hon. Thomas C. Perrin, Abbeville, S. C.; Joseph H. Wilson, Esq., Charlotte, N. C.; Jesse H. Lindsay, Esq., Greensboro', N. C.; Hon. James Hemphill, Chester, S. C.; Rev. George Howe, D. D., Columbia, S. C.

FOR TWO YEARS.

Robert Adger, Esq., Charleston, S. C.; Hon. J. A. Inglis, Cheraw, S. C.; J. A. Ausley, Esq., Augusta, Ga.; John Whiting, Esq., Montgomery, Ala.; Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., New Orleans, La.

FOR THREE YEARS.

J. Harman Brown, Esq., Baltimore, Md.; T. J. Kirkpatrick, Esq., Lynchburg, Va.; D. N. Kennedy, Esq., Clarksville, Tenn.; John Handy, Esq., Canton, Miss.; Rev. Samuel McKinney, D. D., Huntsville, Texas.

3. The Committee recommend that the By-Laws framed and adopted by the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, be approved and adopted by the General Assembly as the By-Laws of said corporation, with the addition of the following words to By-Law number nine—"subject to revision by the Board of Trustees at an annual meeting."

4. The Committee recommend that the Report of the Trustees, the By-Laws, and the Form of Bequest or Testamentary Donation, prepared and presented by the Trustees, be published in the Appendix to the Minutes of the General Assembly.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock, p. m. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. White.

MONDAY, 8 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with singing, and with prayer by the Rev. Wm. Brown.

This meeting being held specially in behalf of the interests of education for the ministry, the report of the Standing Committee was read, and addresses delivered by the Rev. Dr. Baird, Secretary of Education, also by Drs. McPhail and Moore; after which a collection for this cause was taken up, amounting to about \$975.00.

The report submitted was then adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Education respectfully report that after examining the various documents placed in their hands, they find much ground for encouragement in view of the operations of the past year. There has been a gratifying increase both in the number of candidates, and in the amount of means for their support. But it is a matter of deep regret that the aggregate of contributions is still so inadequate to the necessities of the case. Many of our young men who have consecrated their lives to the ministry are detained from the work of preparation in seeking the means to prosecute their studies, who would otherwise immediately place themselves under the care of our Presbyteries.

The Committee recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the General Assembly regards it as an imperative duty of the Church, and a matter of vital importance, that adequate provision should be made to extend the necessary aid to all our young men in course of preparation for the gospel ministry.

2. That while there is a commendable increase in the contributions of the past year, it is to be deeply regretted that many of our congregations have done nothing for this cause; and that the Presbyteries are hereby enjoined to take efficient measures to bring this great subject before the attention of every church member, that each may do something for its advancement according as God gives the ability.

3. That we renew the injunction of the last Assembly, that all our Presbyteries should send each year to the central agency, a full report of their operations in time for the annual report of that Committee to the General Assembly; and that we would urge the importance, in every point of view, of entire unanimity in co-operating with the central agency, instead of that independent action which a few still maintain.

4. That the Assembly approves the diligence and fidelity of the Executive Committee of Education for the past year.

5. That this Assembly appoint as its Executive Committee of Education, the Rev. E. Thompson Baird, D. D., Secretary; Charles Gennet, Esq., Treasurer; Rev. Drs. T. V. Moore, M. D. Hoge, C. H. Read, Wm. Brown, Rev. P. B. Price, Wm. F. Taylor, Esq., E. H. Fitzhugh, Esq., J. M. Herndon, Esq., and B. R. Wellford, Esq.

All of which is respectfully presented by the Standing Committee.

G. WILSON MCPHAIL, CHAIRMAN.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Hon. J. A. Inglis.

TUESDAY MORNING, May 27—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Richardson. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Turner, from the Judicial Committee, reported that no business had been placed in their hands. The report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That each of the Executive Committees of the Assembly shall, along with its Annual Report, send up also the Treasurer's book and vouchers, and also the Book of Records containing their proceedings; and that an Auditing Committee shall be appointed annually among the Standing Committees.

2. That the Treasurers be requested to attend each meeting of the General Assembly.

The order of the day having been taken up, the Rev. Dr. Taylor

was heard in behalf of the American Bible Society; and the following resolution, offered by the Rev. Dr. Wills, was adopted:

The General Assembly having heard with great satisfaction the statements of the Rev. Dr. Wm. J. R. Taylor, one of the Secretaries of the American Bible Society, in regard to the operations of that Society, and upon the Bible cause in general:

Resolved, That this General Assembly express its confidence in the work of the American Bible Society, with acknowledgment of the extent and generosity of their benefactions to our people, both in the large donations they have made and are making to supply the destitute, and their magnanimous recognition of the inability of many of their auxiliary societies within our bounds to meet their engagements to the parent Society or to contribute to their treasury.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 4, which was adopted, and is as follows:

WHEREAS, The permanent relationship of the pastor to his people is one of the distinctive and most cherished features of the Presbyterian Church, and whereas, the frequent removal to other fields of labor by regularly installed ministers without complying with the rules laid down by our Book of Church Government, or obtaining the consent of their respective charges, demands the serious consideration of this body; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the General Assembly, that the Synods and Presbyteries within its jurisdiction, be enjoined to require in future a more rigid adherence to the rules and decrees of the Church regulating the pastoral relationship and the mode of its dissolution.

The Rev. Dr. McKinney offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That on the day of prayer for schools and colleges, our ministers be requested to point out to the people, in an appropriate sermon, the importance of dedicating their sons to the gospel ministry, and urge them to renewed efforts to provide the means for sustaining pious young men during their literary and theological studies.

The Rev. Dr. Peck, from the Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence, presented a report, which was received and made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The Rev. Dr. Stratton, from the Standing Committee on Publication, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee to which was referred the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Publication, beg leave to report:

That the general evidence of a healthy and prosperous condition of the department of the Church's work presided over by this Committee is decided, and calls for a very explicit and grateful recognition on the part of the Assembly, both of the fidelity of the members of the Committee, and of the fostering care of the Church's Head. The administration of the affairs of the Committee has been conducted with a happy admixture of energy and cautiousness. So satisfactorily is this administration progressing, that it would perhaps be the part of wisdom to leave the present policy of the Committee, for the most part, undisturbed.

After specially calling the attention of the Assembly to the three facts: 1. That the indebtedness of the Committee has been reduced since the date of their last report from \$13,761.00 to \$5,191.29. 2. That the result of the business of the Committee for the past two years, indicates a gain upon the amount invested, of \$1,791.67. 3. That in every case the Committee have been able to meet the calls made upon them for gratuitous contributions of books

and tracts—your Committee would recommend for adoption by the Assembly the following resolutions :

1. That the thanks of the Assembly are due to the Secretary and his associates in the councils and work of the Committee, for the prudent and zealous manner in which they have administered the complicated interests intrusted to their care.

2. That the fundamental want of the Committee is an adequate working capital, and that therefore the churches be urged to continue and enlarge their donations until the endowment of \$50,000, proposed by previous resolutions of the Assembly, be consummated.

3. That the Committee be authorised, as soon as other financial obligations will warrant it, to employ an assistant or assistants to the Secretary, in such departments of his work as he may recommend.

4. That the Committee be directed to adjust their operations and obligations with reference to the earliest possible extinction of the debt with which they are now encumbered.

5. That it be recommended to the Presbyteries to make arrangements, wherever practicable, by depositories or otherwise, for the introduction of the books and publications of the Committee within their bounds.

6. That the proposition for the establishment of an official newspaper, to be the organ of communication between the Executive Committees and the churches, not being called for unanimously by these Committees, be deferred until the enlarged scale of the operations, and the increased resources of the Church, may seem to require such an organ.

7. That in view of the present facilities offered at Richmond for the publication of works and transportation of stock, it is not expedient to make the removal of the seat of operations of the Committee from Richmond to Baltimore, as proposed in an overture made to the last Assembly and referred to the Executive Committee; and that the thanks of the Assembly be hereby tendered to the gentlemen who interested themselves in obtaining an act of incorporation for the Executive Committee of Publication from the Legislature of Maryland.

8. That the Committee be instructed to reimburse, as soon as their funds will allow, the amounts expended by certain members of the Assembly's Committees upon the revision of the Hymn Book and of the Form of Government, in the performance of the duty assigned them.

9. That in response to the enquiries contained in an overture, presented by the Presbytery of Winchester, this Assembly would express its conviction, as the result of a full investigation conducted by the Standing Committee, that the expenditures of the Executive Committee have been graduated by a careful regard to justice and economy, and are, considering the contingencies and embarrassments connected with a new enterprise, below, rather than above the amount to have been anticipated; and that the Committee and Secretary have evinced an aptness in financiering, and an efficiency in management, which entitle them emphatically to the confidence and commendation of the churches.

10. That this Assembly appoint as their Executive Committee of Publication for the ensuing year, the Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., *Secretary*; C. Gennet, *Treasurer*; Rev. Messrs. T. V. Moore, D. D., M. D. Hoge, D. D., C. H. Read, D. D., Wm. Brown, D. D., P. B. Price, Wm. F. Taylor, Esq., E. H. Fitzhugh, Esq., J. M. Herndon, Esq., and B. R. Wellford, Esq.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. B. STRATTON, CHAIRMAN.

The Rev. Dr. H. M. Smith, from the Standing Committee on Sustentation, made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The attention of the Assembly is respectfully called to the hopeful and encouraging condition of this great enterprise since the last general report, resulting, under the divine blessing, from the munificent benevolence of friends of religion in various parts of the land, from the increased and more general inter-

est felt and displayed in it throughout the Church, and from the wise and successful management of its affairs by the Executive Committee.

In view of the statements presented in the Report, we would recommend the following resolutions :

1. The fact that the Committee have been enabled promptly and fully to answer every application for aid, is a signal token of divine favor, demanding the profoundest gratitude, and admonishing us to go forward without fear or doubting in the work to which God hath appointed us, surely depending on the sufficiency of the divine help and guidance.

2. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, now in session in the city of Baltimore, hereby gratefully acknowledges the Christian liberality hitherto shown towards our impoverished people, churches, and seminaries, by many known and unknown friends beyond our bounds ; especially is this due the Synod of Kentucky and the Presbyterian churches of Baltimore, for their timely, continuous, and most generous aid. The Assembly does not doubt that a time will come when these Christian friends shall find that in so doing to the least of Christ's disciples, they did it unto Him. They are invited moreover to behold in the facts disclosed in the Annual Report, the best evidence that their assistance has not been given in vain.

3. The Assembly is pleased to know that a much larger proportion of the churches is now contributing to the cause of Sustentation, but looks with anxious solicitude to the time when all of them shall be represented in this work. In the judgment of this Assembly, there is no consideration which can justify a neglect of this important duty.

4. The Assembly learns with great sorrow, that in consequence of the impoverishment of many parts of the country, numbers of our ministers are compelled, in part at least, to leave the work of the ministry, that through secular pursuits they may gain a support, and that as a result of this, religion languishes and our Church is retrograding. It is, therefore, enjoined on the Presbyteries concerned, that they at once ascertain and fix the minimum amount required for the support of a laboring minister, and that they use diligent efforts to provide the same. The Committee of Sustentation is directed to co-operate herein to the extent of their ability, provided the sum so designated shall not exceed the amount of six hundred dollars.

5. In lieu of the appropriation of five per cent. of the Sustentation Fund, it is enjoined upon the Presbyteries to have a collection taken up in all the churches under their care, for a relief fund which shall be devoted to the relief of disabled ministers, and of widows and orphans of ministers deceased. These collections are to be forwarded to the Treasurer of Sustentation and disbursed according to the discretion of the Committee, upon application made through the Presbyterial Standing Committees on Domestic Missions.

6. The Sustentation Committee is moreover charged with the duty of aiding all feeble churches which require it, in the support of their pastors or supplies ; of aiding in the support of missionaries or evangelists when aid is needed ; of aiding in building or repairing church edifices when it is necessary ; and of aiding in the transfer of brethren without means from one field of labor to another when there appears to be a providential call for such removal. The number and variety of these duties, together with the consideration that the Secretary occupies the position of Secretary of Foreign Missions, have suggested to this Assembly the question of a division of these responsibilities. The plan of Sustentation, however, is working so satisfactorily under the present management, that the Assembly considers it inexpedient to introduce at this time any changes in the existing arrangement. Instead of this, the Committee are recommended, and are hereby authorised, to make any such additions to their clerical force as the amount and nature of their duties may require.

7. The Assembly entirely approves the care, fidelity, and affectionate zeal exhibited by the Committee in the discharge of their important trust. The Committee is exhorted to continue the prosecution of this work with the same faith, zeal, and devotion ; and with the hope and expectation of still greater and more abundant success.

Concerning a series of resolutions proposing that the Executive Committee of Sustentation shall establish and sustain a Church Intelligence Office, the Standing Committee report, recommending that it is not expedient at present to make further additions to the labors of that Committee.

The Standing Committee nominates to be the Executive Committee of Sustentation for the ensuing year, Rev. J. L. Wilson, D. D., *Secretary*; Rev. Prof. James Woodrow, *Treasurer*; George Howe, D. D., J. B. Adger, D. D., J. R. Wilson, D. D., A. W. Miller, D. D., J. L. Girardeau, D. D., Rev. Wm. E. Boggs, Gen. F. W. McMaster, Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, Prof. Joseph LeConte. All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY M. SMITH,
Chairman of the Standing Committee on Sustentation.

It was ordered that the second resolution in this report be published in the papers of this city, and in the *Free Christian Commonwealth*.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 5, being a request to have Section iv., Chapter 10, Form of Government, stricken out. The Committee recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is not advisable at present to legislate on this subject, but that it be commended to the consideration of the Presbyteries.

This report was adopted.

After a season spent in worship, conducted by the Rev. Dr. McPhail, the Assembly adjourned to meet to night at 8 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 8 o'clock P. M.

The Rev. Dr. Read, from the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, made a report, which having been received, the Assembly was addressed by the Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D.; also by Messrs. B. Helm, of Kentucky, and M. H. Houston, of Virginia, brethren expecting to enter upon the work of Foreign Missions in China. They were followed by the Rev. C. Byington, of the Choctaw Mission, Rev. R. L. Dabney, D. D., of Union Theological Seminary, Rev. Dr. Read, and Rev. Mr. Preston.

The report of the Committee was adopted, and the Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Byington.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, May 27—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. W. Dinwiddie. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions was adopted.

The Standing Committee, to which was referred the report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, submit to the consideration of the Assembly the following minute:

The report of the Executive Committee presents, in a clear and impressive light, matters of such vital interest, involving the obligation of all the members of our churches, that it is deemed highly important to bring the facts and appeals therein set forth, as far as possible, to the attentive consideration of all. Therefore

Resolved, 1. That the editors of the religious papers which find their patronage among our people be requested to publish this Report entire, and to commend it to the special attention of their readers.

The successful maintenance of the missions now established, with such enlargement as is demanded, requires the cultivation of an intelligent interest in the operations of the Executive Committee, and a habitual spirit of prayer and liberality among our people. Therefore

Resolved, 2. That monthly concerts of prayer for Foreign Missions should be heartily sustained in all our churches where they have been established, and should be commenced where they do not now exist; and that regular collections should be taken up at such meetings, in addition to the *annual collection* for this object, as heretofore advised and urged by the Assembly.

The training of our children and youth to habits of Christian benevolence, and to a familiar acquaintance with the missionary operations of our own Church, is a matter of high importance to them and to the cause of Christ. Therefore

Resolved, 3. That the superintendents and teachers of our Sabbath-schools, in co-operation with the pastors, be urged to bring the subject of Foreign Missions before their respective schools and classes frequently, and to invite regular monthly offerings for this cause.

It is made plain by the report of the Executive Committee, that the amount of funds needed to sustain our missionaries now in the field, requires the contribution from each member of our communion, (assuming the statistics of membership to be substantially correct) of not more than fifty cents per annum.

This, it is true, is but one of the objects of Christian benevolence calling for support, but it is obvious that our operations in this department of Christian duty ought to be enlarged greatly, and may be safely enlarged by strengthening the positions now occupied, and the establishment of new missions, as doors may be opened and men are found to enter upon the work, without interfering with other important interests, or imposing unreasonable burdens upon our people. Therefore

Resolved, 4. That this Assembly hails with great satisfaction the announcement of the Executive Committee, that we have now eight young men, of good report in respect of character and attainments, who have devoted themselves to the foreign missionary work, and have offered themselves to the service of our Committee; and we commend these brethren to the prayers and support of our people.

The Committee nominate the following persons to constitute the Executive Committee for the ensuing year: Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., *Secretary*; Rev. Prof. James Woodrow, *Treasurer*; Rev. Drs. George Howe, J. B. Adger, Joseph R. Wilson, A. W. Miller, J. L. Girardeau, Rev. Wm. E. Boggs, Gen. F. W. McMaster, Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, Prof. Joseph LeConte.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee.

CHAS. H. READ.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overtures 1 and 2, concerning the powers of elders, deacons, and trustees. A substitute for this report was offered by ruling elder S. D. Irvin. These papers, after considerable discussion, were referred to a special committee, to submit their report to the next General Assembly.

This Committee was appointed to consist of Rev. R. L. Dabney, D. D., of Va.; Rev. J. R. Wilson, D. D., of Ga.; Rev. J. A. Lefevre, of Md.; Rev. A. W. Miller, D. D., and Jesse H. Lindsay, Esq., of N. C.; Judge J. A. Inglis, of S. C.; W. L. Mitchell, Esq., of Ga.

The order of the day, the report of the Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence, was taken up; and having been amended, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence begs leave to submit the following report:

Reports have been received from nineteen Presbyteries, viz., Bethel, Greenbrier, Rappahannock, West Hanover, Tuscaloosa, Concord, Nashville, Lexing-

ton, New Orleans, Knoxville, South Carolina, Memphis, Western District, Charleston, Montgomery, Savannah, Roanoke, Winchester, and Augusta.

Bethel reports that most of the churches under its care have adopted some plan for regular contributions to the schemes of the General Assembly; and that a few have adopted the plan of weekly contributions with encouraging results. It also reports that most of the vacant churches, and some that are regularly supplied, have done little or nothing either for regular or occasional contributions to the four great schemes of the Assembly.

Greenbrier reports that four of its churches have contributed to Sustentation, Education, and Publication; one to Sustentation, Publication, and Foreign Missions; thirteen to Sustentation and Publication, and one to Sustentation alone.

Rappahannock reports that few of its churches have complied with the orders of the General Assembly and the Presbytery in respect to regular contributions.

West Hanover reports that of its twenty-four churches, fourteen have contributed to Sustentation \$459.36; eleven to Foreign Missions \$264.40; four to Education \$98.33; eleven to Publication \$177.26. Total, \$999.35.

Tuskaloosa reports that of its twenty-seven churches, eleven have contributed to Sustentation \$184; twelve to Education \$263; two to Foreign Missions \$49; five to Publication \$96; seven of its churches have adopted the plan of weekly contributions on the Sabbath.

Concord reports that forty-one of its churches have contributed to Sustentation \$1594; twenty-one to Foreign Missions \$568; twenty-three to Education \$1150; nineteen to Publication \$303. Total for the last six months, \$3615; an average of \$52.39 to each church, and of fifty-three cents to each communicant.

Nashville reports that of its eighteen churches, sixteen have contributed to one or more of the objects of benevolence; fifteen to Sustentation; two to Foreign Missions; five to Education; fourteen to Publication: making a total of \$2223 for these four objects.

Lexington reports that during the last six months, twenty-five of its churches contributed to Sustentation \$1224; thirteen to Foreign Missions \$254; eight to Education \$249; twelve to Publication \$257. Total \$1984.

New Orleans reports that the plan of Systematic Benevolence and of weekly collections has been adopted in nearly all its churches; and that it has taken order that it be adopted equally in all of them.

Knoxville reports that of its fourteen churches only four, until very recently, have been regularly supplied with the ministry of the word; and that these four only have acted upon the Assembly's plan of Systematic Benevolence. Since the last meeting of the Assembly, a total of \$889 has been contributed. Of this \$277 for Sustentation; and the remainder, \$612, (including about \$500 for the Bristol High School under the care of Holston Presbytery) for Education.

South Carolina reports that of its fifty-three churches, only one failed to contribute to Domestic Missions and Sustentation. Twenty-five have contributed to Foreign Missions; twenty-three to Education; twenty to Publication. It further reports that there has been, on the whole, a great improvement among the churches in consequence of the earnest efforts of the evangelist to inculcate the people upon the grace of giving.

Memphis reports a total of \$1230; of which \$498 for Sustentation; \$86 for Foreign Missions; Education \$192; Publication \$454. The churches will average \$45.35. Only one church reports a collection for all the schemes; seven for three; four for two; seven for one; and nine have taken up no collection at all.

Western District reports that of its twenty-two churches, only four have contributed to Sustentation; two to Foreign Missions; two to Education; and two to Publication.

Charleston reports that of its fourteen churches, six have contributed to Sustentation \$988; five to Foreign Missions \$365; three to Education \$228; seven to Publication \$188. Total, \$1769.

Montgomery reports that of its twenty-six churches, sixteen have contributed to Sustentation \$416; five to Foreign Missions \$98; thirteen to Education \$510; eleven to Publication \$169. Total, \$1193.

Savannah reports that it has been diligent in endeavoring to bring its churches up to the standard of the Assembly, and with some measure of success.

Roanoke reports that ten out of its thirty-three churches have contributed to all the Assembly's schemes. Eight have contributed to three; three to two; six to one; five to none. Twenty-six have contributed to Sustentation; eighteen to Foreign Missions; seventeen to Education; eighteen to Publication.

Winchester reports that of its thirty-two churches, twenty-seven have contributed to Sustentation \$865; three to Foreign Missions \$20; five to Education \$100; eight to Publication \$150; making a total, for the last six months, of \$1135.

Augusta reports that of its thirty-one churches, thirteen contributed during the last six months \$1026 for Sustentation; seven, \$188 for Foreign Missions; eight, \$280 for Education; three, \$181 for Publication.

It is manifest to your Committee, that while there is encouraging evidence of progress in the churches in this matter of giving, there is still ground for reiterating the judgment of previous Assemblies, that all the ministers are not as faithful as they ought to be in enquiring what the mind of Christ is upon this subject, and in affording the people the opportunity of worshipping him with their substance. It cannot be believed that Christian people will fail to acknowledge God with their property, any more than that they will fail to acknowledge him in prayer and praise, if they have been properly instructed, and an opportunity has been given them of making such an acknowledgment. It has been a principle recognised by the Church in all ages, from the time of Abel to the present, that the people of God are to worship him with that which costs them something. This kind of worship God has ordained for the good of his people. He does not need their contributions, but they need them. The Committee, therefore, recommends that the Assembly enjoin it upon all the pastors, supplies, and evangelists under its care, to preach at least once during the ensuing year on the scriptural doctrine, so clearly recognised in our standards, that it is the duty and blessedness of believers to hold communion with God and with one another in their property as well as in the acts of prayer, singing, and the sacrament of the Supper.

The Committee would further suggest to the Assembly the appointment of a committee to prepare a "Directory for the Oblation" to be inserted in the "Directory for Worship," consisting mainly of references to passages of Scripture containing the doctrine of oblation, which might be recited by the minister before or during the offering of their gifts by the congregation. In the opinion of your Committee, such a directory would serve to keep this great doctrine before the faith and consciences of believers.

In the reports from the Presbyteries, and in the Overture from the Presbytery of West Hanover referred to this Committee, there are notices of the difficulty of exact compliance with the orders of the Assembly in reference to the times of making the collections for the four great schemes of the Church.

The Committee recommends that the Assembly answer the Overture of the West Hanover Presbytery by referring to the action of the Assembly of last year, (p. 142 of the printed Minutes,) which allows a sufficient discretion in the premises.

The Committee beg leave to conclude this report with recommending the adoption by the Assembly of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The contributing of our substance is not an optional, but a necessary part of the worship of God, a fruit, an evidence, and a means of grace, without which a scriptural piety cannot be maintained and developed: therefore, as a means of hastening a wider practical recognition of this truth throughout our whole Church, be it

Resolved, 1. That all appropriations hereafter made by the Committee of Sustentation in aid of pastors, supplies, missionaries, and evangelists, shall be subject to the two following conditions, in addition to those already embodied in the By-Laws of the Committee already approved by the Assembly: 1. That the pastor, supply, or evangelist, shall, at least once a year, in a discourse exclusively devoted to the subject, set before each of the churches and missionary

stations regularly ministered to by him, the duty of worshipping God with our substance as he hath prospered us. 2. That the said minister shall, in co-operation with the session, (if there be one,) see to it, that in each of the congregation; ministered to by him at regular periods, at least one annual collection, however small, be taken up for each of the four great benevolent operations of the Church.

2. That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of Sustentation, to call special attention to the conditions above annexed to appropriations, when making remittances in aid of the aforesaid ministers.

3. That it shall be the duty of the minister receiving the appropriation, briefly to report to the Chairman of the Presbyterial Committee of Domestic Missions, at the end of five months after the first semi-annual instalment of the appropriation shall have been received, or earlier, the extent to which he has complied with these conditions; and it shall be the duty of the Chairman to forward the facts to the Secretary of Sustentation in advance of the time of payment of the second instalment of the appropriation, or of making a new appropriation to the same field.

4. That the Committee of Sustentation shall withhold the payment of the second instalment of the appropriation, or shall withhold a new appropriation to the same field, when there is satisfactory evidence of an entire failure to comply with the conditions aforesaid, except in extraordinary cases hereby left to the discretion of the Committee.

5. That all appropriations for church erection or repairs by the Sustentation Committee, must be preceded by a promise on the part of the session of the congregation receiving the appropriation, to enter upon and continue a plan of regular contribution, at least annually, to each of the four schemes of the Assembly; and the Secretary shall notify said session of this condition, and receive its express assent to it, before final action is taken by the Committee upon the application for such aid.

6. That the Presbyteries are hereby enjoined to require of their ministers sent as occasional supplies to vacant congregations, to take up collections for the schemes of the Assembly during such visits of said supplies to said congregations.

The Rev. G. Wilson McPhail, D. D., entered his dissent from the above report, so far as regards the use of the word "oblation" contained in it.

After a season spent in devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Stratton, the Assembly adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock to-night.

WEDNESDAY, 8 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Jas. Stacy.

The following resolution, offered by the Rev. Dr. Smith, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated and Permanent Clerks be a Standing Committee authorised to make such arrangements as they may deem proper for securing, for the future, a full and correct report of the proceedings and deliberations of the General Assembly, provided the expense to the Assembly shall not exceed the sum of \$50 for any one meeting.

The Standing Committee on Sustentation presented a supplementary paper, which was adopted and ordered to be printed with the report.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it be recommended to all the churches under our care to take up a collection for the relief of disabled ministers, and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, on the first Sabbath in July next, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient.

The Rev. Dr. White, from the Standing Committee, read the annual Narrative on the State of Religion, which was adopted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Leave of Absence beg leave to report that there have been very few applications, that they have granted leave of absence to no one, and beg to be discharged.

The following resolution, offered by the Rev. Dr. Moore, was adopted :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of Publication be directed to publish the Annual Report in pamphlet form, together with such statements about the funds contributed for that object, and the expenses incurred, as may be needful to present the whole matter fully before the Church. Also, that an abstract of the Report be made by the Secretary of Publication, and inserted in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Rev. D. McQueen offered a paper, which, being amended, was adopted, and is as follows :

In view of the general condition of Church and country, be it

Resolved, That the Thursday before the first Sabbath in August next, be appointed and set apart by this Assembly as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, to be observed in all our churches.

A report from the Rev. Dr. Bunting, delegate to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, was presented. This report was approved, and is as follows :

To the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in session in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, in May, 1868 :

It was my expectation and hope that a former moderator of the General Assembly, the Rev. A. H. Kerr, D. D., would, for various reasons, have borne the salutations of your venerable court to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which met at Lincoln, Illinois, on Thursday, the 21st day of May, 1868; but Providence ordered it otherwise; and pursuant to your appointment, as his alternate, I attended that Assembly.

I hereby report that I discharged the duties of my mission to the best of my ability in presenting the Christian salutations of our Church, and expressed its gratification at the great success which has crowned their labors, and its earnest desire for the continued peace, usefulness, and prosperity of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

It affords me pleasure to say that I was received, as the bearer of Christian greetings from our Assembly, with great cordiality and with warm expression of esteem and Christian affection for the Church which I represented. Their Assembly had upon its rolls some two hundred commissioners, among whom were a goodly number of their old and venerable ministers; their deliberations were dignified, and indicated a spirit of consecration to their mission, and a determination to extend the kingdom of our common Saviour.

I laid upon the table of their Moderator a copy of the Minutes of our last Assembly, and also gave a brief synopsis of our operations and progress, which was received with evident gratification by that body.

I stated that in all our labors, our aim has been to promote the unity of the

Spirit in the bonds of peace and love, our desire to advance the glory of God and the efficiency, harmony, zeal, and spirituality of his visible kingdom on the earth; and that the prayer of our precious Saviour for the spiritual unity of his Church, finds a response in the hearts of all our people,—“That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”

Respectfully submitted by your brother in Christ,

R. F. BUNTING,

Delegate to the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully reports as follows:

The Committee recommends that this Assembly reaffirm the appointment of the Rev. T. R. English, principal, with the Rev. H. R. Dickson as alternate, delegate to bear its Christian salutations to the Associate Reformed Synod of the South at its next meeting, which is to be held at Winnsboro', S. C., on the third Monday in September, 1868.

The Committee also recommends the appointment of the Rev. J. W. Neil, principal, with the Rev. H. B. Boude, alternate, delegate to bear similar salutations from this Assembly to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at its next meeting, to be held at Murfreesboro', Tenn., on the third Thursday of May, 1869.

The following resolution, offered by the Rev. Dr. Wills, was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Assembly are hereby tendered to the citizens of Baltimore, for their warm-hearted hospitalities extended to this body, to the several pastors and congregations of the city for the use of their pulpits on the Sabbath, and to the various railroad and steamboat companies for their courtesy in permitting the members of the Assembly to return on a free ticket.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a commissioner, with an alternate, be appointed to convey to the Synod of Kentucky the salutations of this body.

The Rev. J. A. Lefevre was appointed principal, and the Rev. E. W. Bedinger his alternate.

The Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D., and T. E. Peck, D. D., were appointed a Committee, in accordance with that part of the report of the Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence which refers to a Directory for the Oblation.

The minutes of to-day were read and approved.

It was then moved and adopted, that this General Assembly be dissolved, and that another General Assembly, chosen in the same manner, be required to meet in the Government Street Presbyterian church in the city of Mobile, on the third Thursday in May, 1869, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The Assembly was dissolved accordingly. Closed with singing, prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

WILLIAM BROWN, PERMANENT CLERK.

JOSEPH R. WILSON, STATED CLERK.

APPENDIX.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES TO THE CHURCHES UNDER ITS CARE:

BRETHREN BELOVED:—"Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

Six months only having elapsed since the meeting of the last General Assembly of our Church, the narratives from our Presbyteries relate only to events which have occurred and to facts which have existed during that period. Narratives have been presented to us from about thirty Presbyteries, not one of which is from any Presbytery within the Synod of Texas. Our sources of information cannot, therefore, be considered as complete; and yet we may so generalize from the facts which have been presented to us, as to ascertain the average condition of our entire Church.

Most of the narratives remind us that severe temporal calamities have visited the regions from which they have come. They mingle a tone of sadness and the language of humiliation with expressed hope and confidence in God. Over most of the territory occupied by our Presbyteries, gloom continues. The desolating foot-prints of war are still visible. The people have been impoverished; bankruptcy has succeeded the horrors of the sword; commerce has not been restored to its old channels; agriculture has not resumed its former vigor and hope or recovered its former prosperity. In many places worse pecuniary distresses are apprehended than have yet been experienced. It is evident that in many cases the afflictions lately endured by our brethren have been so sanctified to them as to increase their penitence and zeal for God, and that in many other cases they have not yet produced the peaceable fruits of righteousness. The history of our Church for the last six months, like every other portion of its history, has been checkered, presenting to us much to lament, and much over which we may rejoice.

We have to regret that in some Presbyteries, a number of ministers, owing to their inadequate support, have been compelled to resign their charges and leave their churches; many other ministers are struggling on with an inadequate support; while the usefulness of others is crippled by the necessity of resorting for the means of subsistence to secular avocations.

A number of our churches are still deprived of the regular preaching of the word, and there is little probability that they will be able soon to secure it. We ought deeply to sympathize with those whose candlestick, from no unfaithfulness of their own, seems to be removed from out of its place; and yet some of these vacant churches are not guiltless as to their present situation, as is manifest from the fact that they forsake the assembling of themselves together, and exhibit no fervent desire for the stated means of grace.

In some portions of our territory, intemperance and profaneness have recently prevailed to an alarming extent, although not among members of the Church; and the people generally seem to be unhumiliated and rebellious beneath the judgments of God. The complaint reaches us from some quarters, that worldliness and indifference to spiritual things prevail greatly among professed Christians; that many of them neglect prayer-meetings and restrain prayer; so that it is to be feared that they have forsaken their first love.

The colored people, generally, still continue in alienation from us. Many of them have withdrawn from communion with us; almost every where they absent themselves from our assemblies. It is just, however, to state that some of our brethren have access to them, and that in some places they manifest a greater willingness than in recent years to avail themselves of the advantages of our ministrations.

The complaint has reached us that ruling elders and deacons in one of the Presbyteries are not faithful to their high responsibilities. Whether similar unfaithfulness exists in other Presbyteries, or whether those particular officers of the Church are less fervent in spirit or less diligent in their work than in former days, we are not able to determine. It is deeply to be regretted that any of the stewards in the household of God should neglect the sacred and momentous business which Christ has intrusted to their charge.

We have shown the dark side of the picture. It has a brighter side to which we now turn. We have mourned over the desolations of our Zion, over the deficiencies and delinquencies of our people: let us be glad and grateful in view of what God has accomplished for us, in repairing our ruins, in maintaining the fortitude and faith of our people, and in quickening their devotion and zeal. Our Church has made progress during the last six months. Light is breaking through the clouds that hung over us; to no small extent those thick clouds are being dispersed.

It is most gratifying to us to be able to state, that our churches are simultaneously, and in almost all directions, awaking to the work of the religious instruction of their children. Sabbath-schools are being enlarged where they have existed before; are being established where they have not existed. Bible classes have been formed in many places; catechetical instruction has been more faithfully attended to than in former years. In this new zeal for the religious welfare of our youth, we see the evidence of renewed and augmented piety and zeal of the Church; and from it we derive hope of the future prosperity of our Zion. This movement is the beginning of a reformation at the right point: and let it not be forgotten that the sound religious education and the conversion of our youth constitute the best hope of our country and our Church.

Few deaths have occurred in the ranks of our ministry. Most of our ministers are laboring with earnestness and diligence, some of them presenting examples of a devoted and self-sacrificing spirit greatly to be admired. Many of them are faithful in the performance of all their duties in despite of an inadequate support or while they support themselves with the labor of their own hands, bearing their privations with cheerfulness and patience.

Wherever the word of God is regularly preached, the attendance on it is good, the people are interested in it, and the cause of Christ has a degree of prosperity. Our vacant churches generally desire the stated means of grace. Our entire population manifest some wish to have our pulpits supplied with an able and a faithful ministry as they were in more prosperous days.

Our hearts are gladdened by the facts, that in a number of our Presbyteries there are new candidates for the ministry, and that in some of them may be found young men recently converted who will probably become such. This is the more remarkable and the more encouraging, inasmuch as there is so much in the present condition of our churches, and especially in the present privations of our ministers, that is adapted to deter our young men from seeking the sacred office; and it is a bright indication that God designs to maintain his Church in our afflicted land.

The cause of systematic benevolence continues to prosper. It is true that the contributions of our Church are not absolutely equal to those of more prosperous times; but it is probable that our people contribute more of their substance in proportion to their means than they have ever contributed to the benevolent enterprises of the Church. The apostolic plan of making weekly collections has been carried into successful operation where it has never existed before, and is becoming widely prevalent. Many professed Christians are indeed destitute of a spirit of Christian liberality, and our churches generally have not attained that standard of liberality which the word of God and the example of the first

Christians place before them. Still, some of our churches possess the grace of giving in an eminent degree.

It gratifies and even surprises us that any of our churches, at this period of their great pecuniary depression, have undertaken the work of repairing, and especially of erecting edifices devoted to sacred purposes; yet we are informed that many church-edifices have been repaired and some new ones erected. One Presbytery reports that within its bounds a new house of worship is in course of erection, and that five churches have taken steps to build manses which will be speedily completed.

Accessions, on an examination as to a religious experience, have been made to a large number of our churches. In some Presbyteries, more than half of the churches have had an increase since last fall. In one Presbytery, all the churches have received accessions. During the period referred to, within the bounds of one of our Presbyteries, two hundred and eighty-four have been added on a profession of faith in Christ. Revivals of religion have not been numerous; yet some of an extensive and a peculiarly delightful nature have occurred. During one of them, ninety-two members were added to one church, and during another of them, fifty were added to another church. Such facts assure us that God has not forgotten to be gracious.

In the confessions and complaints of many of our narratives, we see a spirit of deep humility, and a longing for a better spiritual life than was enjoyed in the days of our national prosperity. In none of them do we find the language of despair. They all express an earnest desire for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The cry of the Church is, "O Lord, revive us; in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy." Brethren, "come, and let us return unto the Lord, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up." The promises remain, and they are exceedingly great and precious. A Church which has been so remarkably sustained through so many vicissitudes and so many trials, ought not to distrust the love and power which have held it up. A better, brighter era is dawning upon us. Let us not conclude that God has deserted us, because he has afflicted us. "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." The word of God has often had free course and been glorified among the depressed, the persecuted, and the poor. We may yet, as a Church, have reason to say, in the recollection of the trials and sorrows that have visited us, and in view of their beneficent results, "it was good for us that we were afflicted." Even now we see the bow of hope on the retiring clouds. Let us pray that "God will make us glad according to the days wherein he has afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil;" that "his work may appear unto his servants, and his glory unto their children." Let us trust that "he will turn again our captivity as the streams in the south;" that he will "revive us again, that his people may rejoice." Civil and social institutions of man's origination pass away and perish; but the Church of Christ survives them all. It adapts itself to all political and social changes; it shall continue as long as the sun and the moon shall endure; it shall never be destroyed; and all the mutations of earthly affairs shall only promote its purity, its progress, and its triumphs.

JOHN N. WADDEL, MODERATOR.

SECOND REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SUSTENTATION.

It is important for the Assembly to bear in mind that the report herewith submitted covers a period of only six months, but it occupies a very important position nevertheless, inasmuch as the principal contributions of the current year, as well as its appropriations, are made during this period.

The receipts from all sources, during the period under consideration, inclusive of a balance of \$5,847.89 reported at the close of the last ecclesiastical year, amount to \$29,790.57.

Of this sum \$9,190.73 has been contributed by Christian friends outside of our own connexion, and mainly by those residing in Baltimore and vicinity and in the State of Kentucky. The Committee would respectfully suggest the duty and the propriety on the part of the Assembly of making some formal acknowledgment of their obligations to those Christian friends for their timely, continued, and most generous aid. During the last two and a half years, more than \$40,000 of their contributions has passed directly through the hands of the Executive Committee of Sustentation, and been applied to the immediate wants of the Church; whilst their more general contributions in food, clothing, and in money for the education of young men, and for the re-endowment of our Theological Seminaries, have amounted in the aggregate to considerably more than \$100,000. The congregation in whose sanctuary we are at present assembled, as well as that on Franklin Square, both of which now constitute an integral part of our Church, have been specially active in this good work; whilst individual members of other churches in this city, and especially those of the First Presbyterian church, have contributed most generously to the sustentation of our feeble and impoverished churches. The contributions of the last mentioned church for the present year amount to very nearly \$4,000. Besides this, one gentleman residing in the immediate vicinity of the city has given \$2,000 for Sustentation, and \$1,000 for Foreign Missions, besides contributing liberally to the other benevolent institutions of the Church. Individual Christians in more remote parts of the country have also from time to time contributed freely to the same important objects, and deserve our grateful remembrance.

The aggregate contributions from the churches, during the same period, amount to \$14,751.95. This is an increase of several hundred dollars over the receipts of the corresponding months the last year, and is an encouraging fact, in view of the greater scarcity of money during the present year. May it not be regarded as evidence that the Church is making progress in the great and important cause of systematic benevolence? A larger number of churches have contributed since January last than contributed during the whole of the previous year, though their contributions have not generally been as great, owing, no doubt, to the much greater scarcity of money.

The appropriations made by the Committee to aid feeble churches in maintaining the preaching of the gospel, for the support of missionaries and evangelists, and to assist in the erection or repairs of church-edifices, amount in the aggregate to \$23,500.

All appropriations made towards church-building are paid down in full at the time, whilst those made to supplement the salaries given by feeble churches and for the support of missionaries and evangelists are paid in semi-annual instalments. All engagements made by the Committee up to the present time, in connexion with the first mentioned object, have already been met, whilst the first semi-annual instalment of all salaries has also been paid in full. If the receipts come during in the next four months as they did in the corresponding months of last year, the Treasurer will be able to pay on the first of September the second semi-annual instalment in full, and perhaps be able to meet also such additional appropriations as may be made in the meantime.

There has been considerable variation in the appropriations made the present year compared with those of the last. This might naturally be expected from what is known of the altered circumstances of different portions of the country, and the consequent changes in the outward condition of the churches. A num-

ber of Presbyteries that were completely prostrated last year, and had to make large drafts upon the central Treasury for their support, are this year in comparatively comfortable circumstances, and need little or no assistance; whilst others, that were not only self-sustaining at that time, but could help their feebler brethren, are now completely helpless and need all the assistance they can get. These alternations in the outward circumstances of our churches are just what might be expected from their being scattered over such a vast extent of territory, and they are constantly presenting just that kind of contingencies which our general scheme of Sustentation contemplates, and which it is so admirably adapted to meet. It is difficult to say what would have been the actual condition of a very large proportion of our churches, if this general plan of concerted action had not been adopted just when it was. We must not be misled, however, in relation to the extent of the interchanges that have taken place in the outward circumstances of our churches and Presbyteries. So far as any material improvement is concerned, they have been very slight. The general aspect of the Church is still one of prostration and impoverishment. There are not more than six or eight of all our Presbyteries that can be regarded as strictly self-sustaining, and even these regard themselves as in very straitened circumstances.

Thirty-five Presbyteries have asked and received aid from the central Committee the present year. The appropriations have been as follows: to the Synod of Virginia, \$4,375; to the Synod of North Carolina, \$2,975; to the Synod of South Carolina, \$3,110; to the Synod of Georgia, \$4,165; to the Synod of Alabama, \$2,050; to the Synod of Mississippi, \$2,825; to the Synod of Texas, \$1,775; to the Synod of Arkansas, \$950; to the Synod of Memphis, \$750; to the Synod of Nashville, \$500.

The whole number of ministers who have received aid, either as settled pastors or as missionaries and evangelists, is one hundred and four, representing, as is supposed, between three and four hundred churches. Thus far the Committee has been enabled to meet every demand made against the central Treasury that has been consistent with the rules and by-laws sanctioned by the Assembly, and, with a few exceptions, to the full amount asked. So far as is known to the Committee, not one single church within our whole bounds has been entirely deprived of the word of life, or lost its organisation as a church of the Lord Jesus, for the want of means to support the preaching of the gospel. In some cases it has been found necessary to unite two or more churches under one pastorate; whilst in others, a still larger number have been placed under the care of an evangelist. But none have been left entirely without the stated preaching of the gospel and the administration of the ordinances. This is a most important result, especially in view of the unparalleled prostration of the country, and calls for expressions of profound gratitude to the great Head of the Church, who knows how to spread a table for his people even in the presence of their enemies, and will never allow them to suffer want.

The Assembly, at its meeting in Nashville, directed the Committee of Sustentation to devote five per cent. of all its receipts to the relief of disabled ministers, and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers. Due notice was given of this arrangement through all the weekly religious journals, and Presbyterial Committees, as well as others, were requested to send up applications in behalf of all such persons and families. In consequence, applications have been made in behalf of twenty-three such families, all of which have been met in sums varying from \$25 to \$50, but chiefly of the latter amount. It is not supposed that these families have been placed in circumstances of comfort by these small sums, but perhaps some of their more urgent wants have been relieved. The arrangement, therefore, was wise and judicious, and perhaps ought to be continued until the circumstances of the country will justify the effort to raise a special fund for this purpose.

The Committee is happy to report that all the Presbyteries, with three or four exceptions, have adopted the Assembly's plan of Sustentation in full; and the impression is becoming general, if not almost universal, that the plan is not only wise and judicious in itself, but that this or something of a kindred nature

is indispensably necessary to sustain our churches in their present afflicted condition. The influence of this general plan has been happy in many respects, especially in checking a strong tendency among our churches to disintegration and consequent weakness; in binding our widely scattered churches in the closer bonds of brotherhood and Christian unity, and thus imparting to them that life and energy which always result from unity of feeling and concert of action; by developing and enforcing the distinctive principles of Presbyterian government and oversight; in relieving the distress of ministerial brethren and saving many of our feeble churches from complete disorganisation; in giving a new and more steady impulse to the cause of systematic benevolence; by training our churches to concert of action among themselves, and thus fitting them for any work of aggression that may be assigned them by the great Head of the Church; and in arousing the whole Church to a deeper sense of the great and solemn responsibilities that have been devolved upon her as a separate, independent, and permanent branch of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. What is particularly needed, with the blessing of God, to place our beloved Church upon a solid foundation, and make her influence felt, not only in this country, but to the very extremities of the earth, is that she should be thoroughly imbued with the spirit and principles of this great scheme, and carry them out in all their varied and multiplied details.

There are two things connected with this work to which the attention of the Assembly should be particularly called. One of them is the providing of an adequate salary for every laboring minister in the Church; and the other is the extension of evangelical religion beyond our present and immediate boundaries.

In relation to the first, no reference is had to the great body of ministers occupying self-sustaining churches, whose wants, under all ordinary circumstances, will be provided for by their own people. But there are hundreds of churches, scattered in every direction over our wide and sparsely populated territory, that cannot maintain the preaching of the gospel, and among whom our ministers must suffer and be greatly embarrassed, unless help is extended to them from without. In arranging any plan to meet the wants of such churches, great prudence and wisdom will of course have to be exercised. Where one church cannot support a minister of itself, it ought to be united to some other under the same pastorate, and thus divide the burden of support. At the same time great care ought to be exercised not to provide aid for a church, or union of churches, where they are able to help themselves. No worse policy could possibly be adopted towards any church. Every church should be made self-sustaining as speedily as possible. But notwithstanding these and other precautions of a similar character, there will nevertheless be scores and hundreds of churches that will need aid, and unless they are assisted, will languish and ultimately become extinct. Ministers cannot and ought not to be expected to labor among such churches without a competent support; and when neither these weak churches nor the Presbyteries to which they belong can afford the necessary support, it must be provided by the Church at large. If some effective scheme is not put in force in order to meet such exigencies, then ministers must betake themselves to secular pursuits in order to provide the means of support for their families, or go to some other portion of the country where they can find more ample means of support. Already the Church has suffered greatly from both of these causes, and it is impossible to say where the evil will terminate, if some effective remedy be not employed to arrest it. It will be well, therefore, if the Assembly will designate some amount, say \$600, which shall be the *minimum salary* of every laboring minister in the Church; and let the central Committee and the Presbyterian Committees of Missions labor to bring matters up to this general standard. A measure so necessary, so definite, and at the same time so reasonable, cannot fail to commend itself to the hearty approval of the churches, and would probably arouse them to more vigorous efforts to sustain this great cause.

In relation to the other point, the extension of evangelical religion beyond our present boundaries, it is important that we divest ourselves of the idea that the great business of the Church is one of *sustentation* rather than of *aggression* and *enlargement*. Of course, in such peculiarly disastrous times as those

through which we have been passing for the last three years, self-preservation has necessarily been the great law of duty, and we cannot be too grateful that our beloved Church has thus far been enabled to stand up against the storm. If she has made no marked progress in enlarging her borders during these years, she has, by the blessing of God, been enabled to hold her own, and no doubt has been under special training for greater usefulness hereafter. No time, however, should be lost. The Church should be brought into efficient action against the powers of darkness as speedily as possible. The most signal achievements have usually been made in times of greatest affliction. The walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt when the people of God were few in number, poor in resources, and when they were confronted by the bitterest and most virulent enemies. Why should we falter or hesitate about going forward in building up our waste places and extending the borders of our Zion, when we have the same almighty arm on which to lean? Besides, progress, enlargement, and extension, are absolutely necessary to the life of the Church. She cannot remain stationary for any considerable length of time without imperilling her own safety. If she does not go forward in enlarging her borders and consolidating her conquests, she will necessarily fall back and allow all her resources to wither and dry up. At the same time the circumstances and wants of dying men every where call for the most earnest efforts to save them. The ear of the Church should be open to every cry of distress, and her hands should be stretched out to bestow the blessings of the gospel wherever the way is opened.

In carrying on this work of evangelization, it should be borne in mind, that the chief responsibility rests with the Presbyteries and their Committees of Missions. It is for them to search out the fields, to designate the men who are to cultivate them, and indeed, to superintend the whole work—the central Committee having little else to do than to furnish the necessary means.

In conclusion, the Committee would use only words of cheer. Hitherto God has helped us. If he has sustained us in six troubles, he will not forsake us in the seventh. No one, of course, can see far into the future. A dark cloud hangs upon our horizon, but the great mediatorial King reigns, and the Church is safe. He who has hitherto defended us from every enemy, upheld us under every trial, and from time to time has bestowed so many precious tokens of his favor upon us as a Church, surely will be faithful to the end. Let us, then, go forward in the path of duty with a firm step and a courageous heart, and he will assuredly bring us off more than conquerors through him that loved us and hath died for us.

All of which is respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Executive Committee of Sustentation.

J. LEIGHTON WILSON,
Secretary of Sustentation.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SUSTENTATION.

*The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in account with
James Woodrow, Treasurer for Sustentation.*

DR.

To cash paid evangelists, domestic missionaries, and to supplement pastors' salaries.....	\$14,434 56
To cash paid to aid in rebuilding and repairing churches.....	2,200 00
To cash paid infirm ministers and widows.....	1,403 33
To cash paid salaries of officers.....	812 50
To cash paid travelling expenses on official business.....	118 00
To cash paid exchange account.....	19 80
To cash paid office expenses.....	139 60
To balance in Treasury, May 1, 1868.....	10,714 98

\$29,872 77

CR.

By balance in Treasury, November 1, 1867.....	\$ 5,847 09
By donations from churches and individuals.....	14,751 95
By donations from churches and individuals beyond our bounds.....	7,273 73
By donation from Kentucky So. Board of Aid.....	2,000 00
	\$29,872 77

We have examined the accounts of Prof. James Woodrow, Treasurer of Sustentation, and accompanying vouchers, and have found them correct.

F. W. McMASTER, } Auditing
WM. E. BOGGS, } Committee.

Columbia, S. C., May 18, 1868.

SEVENTH REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, herewith submitted to the General Assembly, like that in relation to Sustentation and Domestic Missions, extends over a period of only six months, with this material difference in the two cases, however—that whilst the contributions and the appropriations of the one come mainly within this period, those of the other lie almost entirely outside of it. It will naturally be expected, therefore, that there must be considerable disparity between the receipts and disbursements of the two departments.

RECEIPTS.

The receipts from all sources, inclusive of a balance on hand on the 1st of November, of \$492.98, amount to \$6,830.32. This shows an increase over the receipts of the corresponding months of last year of \$3,847.32, including what has been contributed by Sabbath-schools the present year for the education of heathen youths. This improvement in the contributions of the churches furnishes encouraging evidence of the growth of the missionary spirit among our people, but falls, nevertheless, much below the increasing demands of this great cause. The general and special collection recommended by the Assembly was no doubt taken up by many of our churches on the first Sabbath in the present month, but there has not yet been time to ascertain the results. The greatly increased demand for funds was distinctly brought before their minds in a circular letter, and it is earnestly hoped that there has been a correspondingly liberal response.

THE "MISSIONARY."

The little Foreign Missionary Magazine, authorised by the last General Assembly, has reached its fifth number, and has met with a most cordial welcome, especially from ministers of the gospel, and Sabbath-schools engaged in the missionary work, to whom it has been sent gratuitously. Others are ordering it, and it is likely soon to have an extensive circulation without any special effort to give it such. The Committee regard it as a most important handmaid to the cause of Foreign Missions, and in the absence of all other agency for promoting this object, they do not see how it could possibly be dispensed with.

SABBATH-SCHOOL ENTERPRISE.

A good deal of interest has been awakened of late among our Sabbath-school children in this great enterprise. Pledges have already been given for the support of more than sixty pupils in the schools about to be established at Hanchou, making an aggregate of at least \$2,500. The number of these contributing Sabbath-schools might easily be doubled, or trebled, and it is earnestly hoped that ministers and Sabbath-school superintendents generally, will speedily

direct the attention of the children under their care to this most important matter. A participation in this work of benevolence cannot fail to exert a most happy influence upon the character of the children themselves, whilst their aggregate contributions will form a most important item in the means of carrying on the great work.

SURVEY OF THE MISSIONARY WORK.

A general survey of the foreign missionary work, whilst it presents some features of a discouraging aspect, presents others of a highly encouraging nature.

INDIAN MISSIONS.

The main, if not the only really discouraging feature about the work, is what relates to the condition of the Indian Missions. The Choctaw Mission particularly, has been severely afflicted during the last eighteen months, especially in the removal by death of the Rev. Ebenezer Hotchkiss and his most estimable wife, and also of the Rev. Pliny Fiske, a native Choctaw preacher; by the extreme illness and continued feebleness of the Rev. C. C. Copeland; and by the absence of the Rev. Mr. Byington, attending to the printing of the Choctaw Bible. The only laborers on the ground at the present time, are the Rev. Cyrus Kingsbury, D. D., upwards of four score years of age; the Rev. C. C. Copeland, in very feeble health; the Rev. Messrs. Alexander Reid and Hamilton Balentine; and the Rev. Messrs. Allen Wright and Thos. Benton, native preachers. Four of the principal stations, with as many as eight or ten out-stations, are entirely unoccupied, and have been so for years past. The people around these stations, though they have often expressed the desire to have the preaching of the gospel re-established among them, are still left like sheep without a shepherd. The Committee have used the utmost diligence to get laborers for this field, but thus far without success. Two brethren, under the urgency of the call, offered their services a few months since; but one, in the judgment of the Committee, seemed to want the constitutional vigor necessary for the undertaking, whilst the other seemed to have a more urgent call to a different portion of the missionary field. The condition of the Choctaw Mission is rendered more painful by the fact that many of these people, who once walked according to the spirit of the gospel, have since backslidden and fallen into sin. They need the kind offices of the faithful shepherd to bring them back to the fold from whence they have strayed. At the same time, it is obvious to reflection, that if our Church loses the hold which she has at present on that part of our common country, she will probably lose it forever. In other respects, the missionary work among the Choctaws is by no means discouraging. The brethren laboring there have constant evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit, showing that God has not forsaken that people, however reluctant men may be to go and labor for them. Sinners are converted to the Lord Jesus Christ, and backsliders are reclaimed from their wanderings. This afflicted mission is earnestly commended to the prayerful remembrance of all of God's people.

ITALIAN MISSION.

A full account was given in the last Annual Report of the Mission to Italy, in which Miss Ronzone was expected to engage. She was most cordially received on her arrival there, not only by the Waldensian brethren, but by other missionaries on the ground, and is now engaged in teaching an interesting Protestant school in the city of Naples. A pious lady in Scotland has very generously provided the means for the support of the school for two years, at the expiration of which time it is hoped that our own Committee will be able to assume the entire expense of her Mission. In the meantime, this Christian sister and the great work in which she is engaged should have a place in the sympathies and prayers of all who love the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHINESE MISSION.

The last Annual Report made mention of the embarkation of Mr. Inslee and

his family for China. A number of letters have been received from him since his arrival there, all of which speak in encouraging terms of the prospects of missionary labor in that part of the world. On his way out he was delayed six weeks in Japan, which gave him the opportunity to acquire a good deal of valuable information about the condition of that part of the world, much of which has been brought before our Christian people through the medium of the *Missionary*, as well as the weekly religious journals. Immediately on his arrival at Shanghai, he proceeded to the great city of Hanchou, which he had frequently visited, and where he had labored to some extent during his previous residence in China, to make the necessary preparations to take his family there, which he did a few weeks afterwards. Since then intelligence has been received of his having entered on the active duties of missionary life, of his having good audiences to attend upon the preaching of the gospel, and of his having established a boarding-school for native children. Hanchou is situated to the south and west of Shanghai; is easily accessible from the sea-coast; is reputed to be healthy; is supposed to contain a million of inhabitants; and is in easy reach of at least six other cities of equal size, besides towns and villages almost without number. The mission, therefore, commences its history under the most auspicious circumstances. Surely, it is a matter of sincere joy, as well as of profound gratitude, that our beloved Church has been permitted to unfurl the gospel banner in the very heart of this great empire of superstition. In the good providence of God, a standard has been reared, around which, it is earnestly hoped, will be gathered the sympathies and prayers of all God's people, and which we trust will never be lowered until the bright rays of gospel light shall have penetrated all the darkest recesses of this vast empire.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE MISSIONARY WORK.

But the great matter which claims the special attention of the Assembly at the present moment, is the missionary zeal which has recently been eukindled in the hearts of many of our young men, disposing them to devote their lives to this great cause. Within a few months past, seven young men, and all of them persons of good report in the churches, have placed themselves under the direction of the Committee, with the view of being employed in this work, whilst a number of others are in correspondence in relation to engaging in the same great undertaking. Five of these young men are members of the graduating class of Union Theological Seminary; one is a settled minister in the Synod of North Carolina; and the seventh is a native of one of our Indian tribes, who desires to be established as a missionary among his own people. Two of these brethren desire to be sent to China to join the mission at Hanchou; one desires to be sent to Japan, to commence a new mission there; whilst three have selected South America as the field of their missionary labor.

The Committee concur in the choice which these young brethren have made of their fields of labor, and have appointed and designated them accordingly. They have not proceeded in this business so far, however, as to prevent the Assembly from intervening and giving the work any particular direction that their higher wisdom may dictate. They are glad that the Assembly meets just in time to assume the full responsibility of the whole matter. The Committee themselves are decidedly of the opinion, that there is no honorable or justifiable option left to us as a Church, but to go straight forward in the path that has been marked out for us by the providence of God.

No one acquainted with the religious character and Christian bearing of these young brethren, can doubt for a moment their having been called to this work by the Holy Ghost. In this way God is giving the most encouraging and unequivocal evidence, not only that he has not forgotten us in our present low estate, but that he means to employ our agency in this great and holy cause. Every pious heart should swell with joy and gratitude at such clear and unequivocal tokens of divine favor; and it is earnestly hoped that there will be no faltering and hesitation among us in standing up squarely under the full weight of that high responsibility which God is about to lay upon our shoulders. The highest welfare of the Church itself, as well as the honor of the Redeemer, is

involved in our going forward at this solemn call from above. In no way can the life and energy of the Church be more effectually stifled than by disregarding it. It is true, we are poor and prostrated; a dark and menacing cloud hangs upon our horizon; the future is veiled in gloom and uncertainty; and we know not what changes and upturnings there may be in the immediate future. But what of all this! The great mediatorial King is on the throne. His resources are infinite. Has he called us to a work, and will he not sustain us in the prosecution of it? Does he not constantly employ the weak things of the world to confound those that are mighty?

But apart from any very special interpositions of divine providence, upon which, however, the people may always rely in times of trial and emergency, there is nothing in the work to which we are summoned that should occasion undue anxiety. The great difficulty which will present itself to most minds, is the want of means to carry on a work so much enlarged as is now proposed. In reply, it may be stated, that after a careful examination of the subject, it is supposed that \$25,000 will be sufficient, not only to sustain our present missionary operations, but to meet fully all the demands of the proposed enlargement. But what is \$25,000 to a church-membership of 80,000? Very little more than an average of thirty cents to each church member. It is obvious to reflection, that our great want is not pecuniary ability, but concert and unanimity of action among ourselves. Can this be secured? Can ministers of the gospel and church sessions be relied upon to bring this matter before their people, and give them the opportunity to testify their love to their Redeemer? Is there any way by which our whole Christian people can be thoroughly aroused to the great demands of this solemn emergency? These are questions for the Assembly rather than for the Committee to answer, and it is earnestly hoped that this matter will receive all the consideration which its vast importance demands.

All of which is respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.

J. LEIGHTON WILSON,
Sec'y of Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United-States in account with James Woodrow, Treasurer for Foreign Missions.

DR.

To cash paid missionaries to the Indians.....	\$4,042 45
To cash paid missionary to China.....	1,500 00
To cash paid missionary to Italy.....	200 00
To cash paid missionary to South America.....	100 00
To cash paid salaries of officers.....	812 50
To cash paid printing <i>Missionary</i> , circulars, etc.....	204 75
To cash paid exchange account.....	12 00
To cash paid office expenses.....	64 60
To cash paid travelling expenses on official business.....	128 35
To bond in Treasury.....	1,000 00
To uncurrent money in Treasury.....	271 00

\$8,335 65

CR.

By balance in Treasury, November 1, 1867, (bond, \$1,000; uncurrent bills, \$230; currency, \$192.98).....	\$1,722 98
By donations from churches and individuals.....	4,082 65
By donations from churches and individuals beyond our bounds.....	1,346 00
By donations from Sabbath-schools.....	908 69
Balance due Treasurer, May 1, 1868.....	275 33

\$8,335 65

We have examined the accounts of Prof. James Woodrow, Treasurer of Foreign Missions, and accompanying vouchers, and have found them correct.

F. W. McMASTER, } Auditing
WM. E. BOGGS, } Committee.

Columbia, S. C., May 18, 1868.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION.

The Executive Committee of Education, in submitting its Seventh Annual Report, has a more gratifying statement to make than on any previous occasion. In our last report, the number of candidates receiving aid from the funds intrusted to the Committee, was stated to be eighteen; since that time, on recommendation of various Presbyteries, appropriations have been made to twenty-five additional candidates, showing the whole number now receiving aid from the funds of the Committee, to be forty-three. But application has been made by their respective Presbyteries for aid to be extended immediately to several candidates in addition to the above. Owing to informality in these applications, however, no appropriation has been made, although the Committee has given assurance of its purpose to grant the aid requested, as soon as all the facts are made known. The whole number, therefore, now looking to the Committee for aid is over fifty.

The Treasurer's Report will show the whole amount of funds which has been received to be \$3,110.44; that there has been paid to candidates the sum of \$2,757.57; and that there was \$352.87 in the treasury on the first of May. But this would give a very untrue idea of the condition of the treasury, without a supplemental statement. At meetings of the Committee since the 1st of May, not only was the whole of this balance ordered to be forwarded to candidates, but in addition the Secretary was authorised to borrow—which he has since done—the sum of \$600, to satisfy the claims of candidates falling due. To meet the necessities of candidates, at least \$1000 additional will be needed between this time and the close of the current collegiate year.

It will be observed by the Treasurer's Report, that the whole fund has gone to the candidates. There have been no expenses for officers' salaries, or on any other account.

It will give a more just idea of what is doing under the auspices of the Committee, to include in this report so much of the period covered by our last report as will make the statement for the current collegiate year complete. The Treasurer's books show that \$1,262 of the disbursements reported to the last Assembly were paid to candidates for the collegiate year which is still current. This added to the sum now reported shows the whole sum paid to candidates, up to the 1st of May, for the current collegiate year, to be \$4,019.57. Since the date of the Treasurer's report, \$961.25 has been sent to candidates as already explained. Hence the whole amount paid to candidates for the present collegiate year is \$4,980.82. The appropriations made since the first of May will of course be included in the Treasurer's report for next year.

The Committee has the pleasure of reporting to the Assembly that several of our Presbyteries which have heretofore conducted their educational affairs independently, have cordially resolved on co-operating with the Assembly's plan. The objections which they had to the scheme of the Assembly were removed by the action taken at Memphis in 1866, according to which the whole responsibility for the candidates is left where the Constitution of our Church places it—in the hands of the Presbyteries. The Committee is no longer esteemed superior to the Presbyteries, clothed with authority to revise their proceedings, or inquire into the propriety thereof; but is simply the executive agency through which the Presbyteries perform this part of their work. Appointed by the General Assembly as a central Committee for the whole Church, it is the recipient of the Church's bounty, and dispenses it wherever needed; thus constituting a bond of concord between the Presbyteries, giving unity to their action, and efficiency to their efforts. There are but few of the Presbyteries, so far as the Committee is aware, that still stand aloof, and prefer to isolate themselves in conducting their educational affairs; and it is believed the agreement in the principles on which this Committee is now organised is so cordial, that the only obstacle to the unanimous co-operation of all our Presbyteries, is their distrust of the ability of the Committee to meet their wants.

On this subject the Committee desires to explain its views to the Assembly. The doctrine of our Church is, that God calls his own ministers, and that in this matter he cannot err. The Committee has no authority to extend aid to any except candidates, who of course have been examined by their Presbyteries, and their evidences of a divine call and their views in seeking the gospel ministry have been approved. If God calls them, and they are without the means, there is also a corresponding call from God to his Church to take them up and carry them forward to the completion of their course. The Committee holds it to be its duty, therefore, to grant aid to all candidates properly presented by their respective Presbyteries. In doing so, we are compelled to throw ourselves, with all confidence, on the liberality of the Church. But it is God's Church, and that same Spirit which calls these beloved young brethren into the gospel ministry animates and guides the Church also. Faith in God, therefore, requires us to exercise faith in his Church. Hence, when we hear the voice of God calling his young servants into the ministry, we have no right to distrust his providence, but are bound to expect that the Church will be led by his Spirit to respond to this call of God, and to provide the means which may be requisite to enable our consecrated youth to furnish themselves with the needful gifts and requirements for the work. Wherefore, the Committee has resolved, in reliance on the grace of God and his providential favor, to respond to every application which may properly come before it from any of our Presbyteries, and to grant the aid that may be requisite, in every case; expecting the Presbyteries always to exercise a wise economy in asking appropriations. In a few instances, we have requested the Educational Committees to reconsider their requests, and to see whether the amounts asked for could properly be made less; but in no instance have we declined the deliberate and well-considered application of any Presbytery. In this course we mean to continue, with God's blessing, so long as it is the pleasure of the Assembly to intrust these responsibilities to us, unless the Assembly shall instruct us otherwise.

According to the order of the Assembly, the Secretary issued his circular calling for information from the various Presbyteries, as to what has been done in their respective bounds, in order to report the results of all the efforts of the Church on this behalf to this Assembly. A few responses have been received; but from the majority of the Presbyteries no answer has come. The annexed statement will give all the official information which we have received.

The Presbyteries of Orange and Harmony report seven candidates each; South Carolina, six; South Alabama and Augusta, five each; Bethel, four; Fayetteville, Tuskalooosa, East Hanover, Montgomery, and West Hanover, three each; Chickasaw, Mississippi, North Mississippi, New Orleans, and East Alabama, two each; Cherokee, Macon, Florida, Savannah, Georgia, Memphis, Tusculumbia, Central Mississippi, Louisiana, Red River, Holston, Knoxville, and Winchester, one each. From Arkansas, Indian, Ouachita, Atlanta, Western District, Tombeckbee, Nashville, North Alabama, Concord, Charleston, Brazos, Central Texas, Eastern Texas, Western Texas, Abingdon, Greenbrier, Lexington, Rappahannock, and Roanoke, there is no report. Candidates reported, seventy-two.

Tuskalooosa reports \$308, from twenty churches; Cherokee, \$229; Florida, \$100; Savannah, \$18; Augusta, \$360; Chickasaw, \$40, from one church; Mississippi, \$163, from four churches; New Orleans, \$700; Knoxville, \$56.75; Fayetteville, \$142.30; Harmony, \$351.98; South Carolina, \$109; Greenbrier, \$26.85; Montgomery, \$376. The remaining Presbyteries make no reports of contributions.

The Committee begs to call the special attention of the Assembly to our embarrassments. The great majority of our churches have contributed nothing to this object; and this is the whole cause of any deficit. Many of them cannot respond to our appeals as they formerly did; but if by any possibility every church could be induced to give even of its poverty, there would be no lacking. The remedy for this evil is not in the power of the Committee; but the whole subject is commended to the prayerful consideration of the Assembly. Unless some adequate action be taken, the Committee will be compelled to abandon that trust which it delights to repose in the Church, and to suffer our young

brethren to cease their preparation for the great work of preaching Christ. Moreover, the Committee asks the attention of the Assembly to the fact that heavy calls will come on our treasury at the opening of the colleges and seminaries in the fall; whereas, the annual collection appointed for this object will not occur till the 1st of November.

In conclusion, the Committee would request the Assembly to appoint some day or days, as a special season of prayer to Almighty God through Jesus Christ, for his blessing to attend the Church in her efforts for raising up, qualifying, and sending forth her sons into the gospel ministry.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Committee.

E. T. BAIRD, Sec'y of Education.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF EDUCATION.

Report of Chas. Gennet, Treasurer of Education of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Treasurer of Education reports receipts for the half year ending April 30th, 1868, to be as follows:

Balance per last report.....	\$ 44
Donations from November 1st, 1867, to April 30th, 1868.....	3,110 00
Amount to be accounted for.....	\$3,110 ⁰⁰ 44
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Appropriations to students.....	\$2,757 57
Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	352 87
	\$3,110 44

CHAS. GENNET, TREASURER.

Richmond, Va., April 30, 1868.

The undersigned, charged with that duty by the Education Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer, find them correct, and that the balance in his hands, on the 30th April, 1868, was \$352.87.

B. R. WELLFORD, JR.,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH.

ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATION.

The Treasurer's Report will show the donations to the funds of the Committee to have amounted to \$7,552.71; cash received from the sale of books \$7,923.57; from subscriptions to the *Children's Friend*, \$1,657.68: in all amounting to the total sum of \$17,133.96. In the meantime, the expenses have been for merchandise and stock, expenses of the *Children's Friend*, salaries, rent, etc., \$16,086.46; and there now remains in the Treasury the sum of \$1,047.50.

A discrepancy between the Treasurer's reports, submitted to the General Assembly in the years 1866 and 1867, is explained. There was an error which caused him to be charged with the sum of \$352.50 more than he owed the Committee.

In the last report, the indebtedness of the Committee was stated to be \$9,304.41. But bills then due, but afterwards presented, increased the indebtedness to \$13,761.00. The deficit is now \$5,191.29. This shows that we have reduced our indebtedness \$8,569.71 during the past six months.

The report takes a retrospect of the operations of the Committee since re-organisation. The receipts from the churches have been as follows:

From January 1, 1866, to November, 1, 1866,	- - -	\$ 11,432.88
“ November 1, 1866, to Nov. 1, 1867,	- - -	18,191.44
“ November 1, 1867, to May 1, 1868,	- - -	7,551.86

Showing the whole amount to be, - - - - - \$37,176.18

Of this sum, \$7,086.58 was obtained through the efforts of the Secretary; about \$12,000 through the agency of Mr. Silliman; \$1,320.95 through Mr. Stuart, from sources outside of the bounds of our Church; the sum of \$3,000 was the donation of a liberal friend in Louisiana; 961.50 came from friends in the North; and \$736 was received from a collection in the Synod of Virginia, in 1865. These sums, added together, make \$24,369.70, which, taken from \$37,176.18, leaves \$12,070.48 as the full amount sent to us from the spontaneous action of the churches, in making their ordinary collections for the period of three years. The cost of the agencies employed by the Committee has been \$4,457.15; the donations made, and benevolent operations through colporteurs, have been \$4,688.00.

Now take from the whole amount of money received, first, the cost of agencies, and secondly, the sums bestowed in donations, and there is left the sum \$28,-031.01 for investment in our business.

Our property, putting our goods at their wholesale value, is now worth rather more than \$37,176.18. At *cost value* it is worth \$29,767.57, showing an increase of \$1,736.56 of capital invested over the amount of capital we had to invest. That is, our clear profit, over and above all expenses, is \$1,736.56. The total amount of business done in two years, including sales, donations, *Children's Friend*, etc., etc., has been \$50,030.17. Some of these sums are approximate, the Secretary not having the material at hand to make them accurate. In every such case they are placed below the true amount.

The building occupied by the Committee costs \$2,500 a year; but by subletting portions of it, this rent is reduced to \$1,300.

In conducting the business of the Committee, besides the Secretary of Publication, who is also Secretary of Education, there are employed a salesman, who receives certain privileges for his services and has no salary; a book-keeper; a private clerk to the Secretary; and a boy: the three at the aggregate salary of \$96 a month.

From the beginning, two years ago, there have been issued 152,000 copies of various works. Several new works are in progress of publication.

The *Children's Friend* has reached an issue of 17,000 copies of the semi-monthly edition, and 3500 of the monthly edition; and hereafter will be sent gratuitously to all our ministers, and to those of Kentucky and Missouri.

The benevolent operations of the Committee have amounted to \$1,251.92. Donations have been granted in every instance where application has been properly made.

The plan of colporteurs or book-agents has not met expectations: 1. Our list of books is scarcely sufficient as yet to furnish the requisite variety. 2. Our people are not able in many places to buy. And 3. The whole plan is too expensive on the Committee, requiring nearly \$8,000 of our limited capital to lie idle in the hands of colporteurs. It is hence recommended that the Presbyteries raise funds on which to employ their own book agents on terms favorable for preserving the fund and making it permanent.

The Committees at Columbia are not favorable to the establishment of a joint organ. The suggestion is made that this Committee establish a paper, under its own auspices, for gratuitous distribution and circulation at a cheap rate.

The Committee refers the question of removal to Baltimore back to the Assembly. The difficulties at Richmond are somewhat removed; the facilities for transportation of goods are better; and much of the work of publishing can now be done at Richmond.

The wants of the Committee are: 1. A sufficient business capital. 2. A more systematic co-operation of the Presbyteries in the distribution of our books for sale. And 3. An increase in our official force.

E. T. BAIRD, Sec'y of Publication.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States :

The Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States beg leave to submit to your respected body this their first annual report:

The Trustees met on the 15th day of May, 1868, in the town of Charlotte, State of North Carolina, and organised as a corporate body under the Act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States."

After a temporary organisation, the Trustees proceeded with their business, adopted by-laws, a copy of which is herewith submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly, and elected the following officers under the permanent organisation, viz.: Thomas C. Perrin, President; Joseph H. Wilson, Vice-President; Jesse H. Lindsay, Secretary and Treasurer.

They appointed Columbia, South Carolina, as the place for the next annual meeting, to be held on the second Thursday in May, 1869.

The Trustees, as an excuse for the delay in organising the corporation, would state that they are located so far apart—being citizens of several States, extending from Louisiana to Virginia—that it has been difficult to assemble together, several efforts to get a meeting having failed for the want of a quorum. As it is the province of your body to limit the number and make the appointment of the Trustees, it is respectfully suggested that the number be reduced to nine, and that they be appointed with a view to convenience of meeting; that the term of appointment be one year for one-third; two years for the second, and three years for the remaining third; and for all appointments thereafter, that the term be for three years, and so arranged that the term of one-third shall expire every year.

The Trustees rejoice that they are able to report the complete organisation of the corporation, and that the Church now has a legal body that can take, hold, and preserve all its property interests. It is respectfully commended to the favorable consideration of your respected body, to the Church, and to all the friends of this Church; soliciting such aid as the great interests involved demand and so richly deserve.

The Trustees have adopted a form of testamentary donation, herewith submitted, which they recommend to be published with the Minutes of the General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS C. PERRIN, President.

Charlotte, N. C., May 15, 1868.

BY-LAWS

Of the Corporate Body "The Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States :

1. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be elected annually by the Trustees or a majority of those present, who shall continue in office until successors shall be chosen and enter upon their respective offices.

2. The duties of the President shall be to preside at the meetings of the Trustees and preserve order; to supervise the business and action of the other officers in relation thereto; to superintend all transfers of property to or from the corporation, and the investment of its funds; to see that the conveyances are in proper form, and good and sufficient in law to effect the purpose intended; to bring to the attention of the Trustees all gifts, conveyances, devises, and bequests; and under the advice of the Trustees, or the Executive Committee, to order and direct all suits at law and in equity, to recover, possess, and protect

the property and effects therein contained; and to enable him to perform his duty, he shall at all times have free access to the books and papers of the corporation in the hands of any officer thereof; and shall report to the Trustees at any meeting, all improper conduct or omission in the discharge of duty on the part of any officer.

3. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President, in the absence of the President, to preside at the meetings; and, in case of vacancy in the office of President from any cause, to discharge the duties of President.

4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep in writing an exact account of all the meetings of the Trustees, and to record the same in a book kept for that purpose, and to conduct all the correspondence, except such as may necessarily devolve upon the President.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep safely all the money and funds of the corporation; to keep a correct account of all the receipts and expenditures, the choses in action, evidences of indebtedness and title papers; and to make a report thereon at the annual meeting, setting forth the amount and condition thereof, with such remarks as he may choose to make.

6. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one and the same person.

7. The Treasurer shall give bond and security for the faithful discharge of duty: the amount to be prescribed by the Trustees or Executive Committee, with the right to increase the amount at pleasure; to be approved by the Executive Committee and kept by the President.

8. Vacancies in any of the offices may be filled by the order of the Trustees; and if at any meeting of the Trustees, the President and Vice-President shall both be absent, the Trustees shall have the power to appoint a President *pro tem*.

9. The officers shall be an Executive Committee, who, in the absence of instructions upon the particular subject matter, shall have the power of the Trustees during the interval between their meetings, subject to revision by the Board of Trustees at an annual meeting.

10. The Trustees, at all times and in all matters pertaining to the corporation, shall be subject to the control, orders, and directions of the General Assembly. No application of the funds shall be made without such orders, unless directed by the giver, whose instructions in all cases shall be strictly carried out.

11. The annual meeting of the Trustees shall be on the second Thursday in May of each year—to be held at such place as the Trustees may appoint at an annual meeting.

12. The President shall have power to call extra meetings of the Trustees, at his discretion, fixing the time and place; and it shall be his duty, upon the request of two of the Trustees, to call such meetings.

13. The Trustees shall make an annual report of their proceedings and the state of the funds to the General Assembly, to be signed by the President.

14. The Corporation shall have and use a seal of metal, with the following inscription: "Presbyterian Church in the United States," with the anchor as a device, and the motto, "I. H. S.—Spes Nostra."

15. The seal shall be and remain in the custody of the President.

16. The expenses of the Trustees in attending the meetings of the corporation shall be paid out of any money in the hands of the Treasurer not otherwise appropriated.

17. These By-Laws may be amended under the orders of the General Assembly, or by a majority of the Trustees present at an annual meeting.

FORM OF REQUEST.

Form of gift by Will, adopted by the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States:

I give, devise, and bequeath to "the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States,"—(here insert the estate devised and bequeathed)—for the use and benefit of said Church.

In case the testator desires to give a special direction to his devise or bequest, omit the words, "for the use and benefit of said Church," and add, "for the use and benefit of the Committee of Sustentation of said Church," or "for the use and benefit of the Committee of Foreign Missions of said Church," or "for the use and benefit of the Committee of Publication of said Church," or "for the use and benefit of the Committee of Education of said Church."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN VIRGINIA.

The Board of Directors respectfully report, that the members of the Faculty remain and occupy the respective chairs of instruction, as reported on the 16th of May, 1867, to wit :

1. *President, and Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology*—Rev. SAMUEL B. WILSON, D.D.

2. *Professor of Systematic and Polemic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric, (Adjunct.)*—Rev. R. L. DABNEY, D.D.

3. *Professor of Oriental Literature and Biblical Introduction*—Rev. B. M. SMITH, D.D.

4. *Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Polity*—Rev. THOS. E. PECK, D.D.

The Directors are : 1. Of the Synod of Virginia—Ministers—William H. Foote, D. D., Wm. Brown, D. D., C. H. Read, D. D., S. D. Stuart, J. H. Fitzgerald, H. C. Alexander, W. S. White, D. D. Ruling Elders—Messrs. A. G. Mcllwaine, E. M. Armstrong, J. R. Tucker, and C. C. Read. 2. Of the Synod of North Carolina—Ministers—S. A. Stanfield, J. H. Smith, J. Rumble, E. Hines, J. M. Atkinson, J. M. Sherwood, F. H. Johnston, J. P. McPherson. Ruling Elders—Messrs. E. N. Hutchison, M. D., N. M. Roan, M.D., M. V. Lanier, and J. G. Shepherd.

Students.---Whole number, twenty-four. Of these, eight have completed the whole course of study, to wit : H. Glass, of Kentucky, G. Nash Morton, Virginia, B. Helm, Kentucky, Ed. Lane, Virginia, W. U. Murkland, North Carolina, R. H. Nall, Alabama, W. H. H. Winfree, Virginia, E. T. Converse, Virginia.

The Library is in a good condition, comprising about 5,500 volumes—of which 570 have been added during the past year.

Finances.—The whole amount of funds, deemed available by the Treasurer, for payment of salaries and expenses, is estimated at \$136,960.88. There are five completed Scholarships, (\$2,500 each,) one of which (the "Baxter Douglass") was constituted since the 1st of May, 1867, by the late Miss N. Read, of Lexington, Virginia. There are other incomplete Scholarships, of which \$7,334.12 has been contributed.

The condition of the buildings and grounds has, within the past year, been much improved by a judicious, tasteful, and economical expenditure.

The examinations of the classes have been unusually satisfactory, reflecting much credit on the ability and fidelity of the Professors, the system of study, and the character and attainments of the students. It is a ground of rejoicing and hope that five of those now graduating have it in purpose to devote themselves to the gospel ministry in foreign lands.

C. C. READ, Secretary.

The officers of the Board of Directors and of Trustees are as follows : Rev. S. A. Stanfield, of North Carolina, President ; Rev. W. H. Foote, D.D., and Mr. A. G. Mcllwaine, Vice-Presidents ; C. C. Read, Farmville, Va., Secretary ; F. N. Watkins, Farmville, Va., Treasurer. The post office address of the Professors and students is "Hampden Sidney, Va."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT COLUMBIA, S. C.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, respectfully submit the following as their fifth annual report :

The accompanying report of the Faculty will suffice fully to inform the Assembly with reference to the particulars usually embraced in such a document. The gratifying fact is therein stated, that *twenty-three* students have been in attendance during the session just closed ; also, that the Professors have not, from any cause, been interrupted in the regular prosecution of their great work ; and, generally, that the internal history of the institution has been, in a high degree, favorable.

It is with much pleasure that we announce to the Assembly, that in the good providence of God, and by the kindness of his people, the Seminary does not owe one dollar for any thing done or service rendered previous to January 1, 1868. All that the friends of the Seminary can now do will be for its current expenses, or for its future improvement or endowment.

The Treasurer's Report, herewith submitted, shows that from May 1st, 1867, to May 1st, 1868, the sum of \$6,943.92 has been received from all sources, exclusive of the income of the Perkins Professorship, and the sum of \$6,924.15 has been expended, leaving at the latter date, a small balance yet due the Professors on account of salary. In order to meet the expenses of the institution for the year that will close April 1st, 1869, it is estimated there will be required (in addition to the receipts expected from invested funds) the sum of nearly \$5,000.00, which sum the Board will employ suitable means for obtaining from the churches within the bounds of Synods that are more immediately connected, locally, with this Seminary, without entertaining a serious doubt of the success of their efforts for this purpose.

The sum of \$2,250.00 has been added to the permanent endowment since our last report.

We are gratified to state, that important and well-devised improvements have been made within the past year in the boarding department of the Seminary ; so that now each student can be provided with excellent boarding in the institution itself, at the low rate of \$15.00 per month. And other arrangements have been perfected by which the entire expenses of a student need not be more than \$150.00 for the whole session. Thus the facilities for obtaining here a thorough theological education are such as to induce candidates for the ministry of straitened means to resort hither, without the fear of their being burdened beyond the ability which even poverty itself can easily supply.

The Board gratefully calls attention to the fact, that those of the Professors whose support depends in large part upon contributions from the churches, have generously and voluntarily relinquished a large portion of the salaries that remained unpaid and was due to them on the 1st of January, 1868 ; and, in a similar spirit of self-denial, solicited and obtained the consent of the Board to request of the Assembly that their salaries be reduced by that body from \$3,000 to \$2,500 per annum—the change involved in this resolution to commence from the date above mentioned. We do accordingly ask of the Assembly to sanction this desire of the Professors, and to order the reduction above indicated. The venerable Emeritus Professor has also, in noble imitation of his colleagues, surrendered all claim to the arrearages due him on the first of last January.

The Board have, on the whole, abundant reason to feel encouraged by the present condition of the institution committed to their oversight, and look forward with cheerful hope to the future, which, in the favoring providence of God, seems to await it.

JOSEPH R. WILSON, CHAIRMAN.

**REPORT OF THE FACULTY OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
AT COLUMBIA, S. C.**

The Faculty of the Theological Seminary at Columbia present to the General Assembly the following as their annual report :

The whole number of students in attendance on our instructions since September last has been twenty-three, viz. :

AS RESIDENT LICENTIATE.

A. W. Gaston, of Calhoun, Georgia, graduate of Emory and Henry College, Virginia, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Charleston.

IN THE SENIOR CLASS.

W. W. Mills, of Sumter, S. C., graduate of South Carolina College, and now licentiate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

S. F. Tenney, of Athens, Ga., student of Franklin College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Augusta.

IN THE MIDDLE CLASS.

W. R. Atkinson, of Spartanburg, S. C., graduate of S. C. College, and now licentiate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

B. L. Baker, of Liberty county, Ga., student of Oglethorpe University, and candidate of the Presbytery of Florida.

W. W. Brinn, of Decatur, Ga, candidate of the Presbytery of Atlanta.

Wm. N. Dickey, of Mecklenburg, N. C., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Concord.

J. P. Gowan, Jr., of Orangeburg, S. C., candidate of the Presbytery of Charleston.

J. B. McKinnon, of Magnolia, N. C., graduate of Davidson College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

A. P. Nicholson, of Pickens, S. C., student of S. C. College, and candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

C. M. Richards, of Arkansas, student of the University of Virginia, and candidate of the Presbytery of Arkansas.

W. Cuttino Smith, of Pendleton, S. C., student of the University of Virginia, and candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

F. M. Swoope, of Augusta county, Va., student of Washington College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Lexington.

J. L. Wilson, of York District, S. C., graduate of Stewart College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

IN THE JUNIOR CLASS.

John L. Caldwell, of Chester District, S. C., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

Jas. H. Douglass, of York District, S. C., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

L. K. Glasgow, of Newberry District, S. C., graduate of S. C. College, and candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Jas. W. Heath, of Rome, Ga.

Jas. F. Latimer, of Abbeville, S. C., student of Erskine College, and candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

John Law, of Memphis, Tennessee, candidate of the Presbytery of Memphis.

Jas. L. Martin, M.D., of Fairfield District, student of South Carolina College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

John S. Moore, of Sumter county, Alabama, graduate of the University of Mississippi, and candidate of the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa.

S. M. Richardson, of Sumter District, South Carolina, graduate of South Carolina College, and licentiate in the Baptist Church.

Of the preceding students, Mr. Gaston continued at the Seminary, as a resident graduate, in the pursuit of his studies till February last. Mr. McKinnon was present but a portion of the term, and his life, with that of one of his young companions, has since been suddenly terminated by a stroke of lightning, at no great distance from his father's residence. Mr. Swoope was received on letters of dismission from Princeton, and has been with us but a part of the term.

The usual studies of the Seminary have been regularly pursued, the health of the students has been good, their diligence in study commendable, their conduct exemplary as Christian men, and their efforts to do good, so far as opportunities have offered, unremitting.

Their boarding-house at the Seminary has been under excellent management, and has furnished them with comfortable board at a moderate rate. And though they must have felt deeply in common with others the hardships of the times in which we live, the churches of the vicinity have often remembered them, and out of their poverty have helped them substantially in their basket and their store. Measures have been taken by the Faculty to provide room in the dining-hall sufficient to accommodate the increased number of students which we may reasonably expect.

We close our report with thanks to God for the mercies shown and the encouragement given us; with prayers for the increase of the Church and its ministry; and commend again the institution in which we are appointed to teach, to the fostering care of your venerable body.

By order of the Faculty,

GEO. HOWE, Chairman.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Columbia, S. C., May 12, 1868.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,
COLUMBIA, S. C.**

H. Muller, Treasurer, in account with Theological Seminary of Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

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1867.							
May	17—To	balance cash on hand,	-	-	-	-	\$ 432 51
June	29—To	Zion Church, Charleston,	-	-	-	-	20 00
		Wetumpka Church, Alabama,	-	-	-	-	20 00
		Orangeburg Church, an absent member,	-	-	-	-	4 00
		Mt. Zion Church,	-	-	-	-	20 00
July	10—To	Port Gibson Church, Mississippi,	-	-	-	-	25 00
		Dividends on 33 shares Farmers' & Planters' Bank, Baltimore, to July 1, 1867,	-	-	-	-	49 25
August	22—To	three coupons city Savannah bonds, \$35 each,	-	-	-	-	105 00
		one " " " " " \$7.50	-	-	-	-	17 50
October	7—To	" " " " " "	-	-	-	-	35 00
		" " " " " "	-	-	-	-	17 50
		five " city Mobile bonds, \$40 each,	-	-	-	-	200 00
October	22—To	Yorkville Church,	-	-	-	-	56 60
October	29—To	Miss Agnes Ray, (in gold,)	-	-	-	-	5 00
		Miss Sallie Ray, " "	-	-	-	-	5 00
		Salem (L. R.) Church,	-	-	-	-	6 75
November	4—To	Prattville Church, East Alabama Presbytery, Alabama Synod,	-	-	-	-	50 00
		Zion Church, Charleston Presbytery, South Carolina Synod,	-	-	-	-	63 00
		Tuskalooosa Church, Tuskalooosa Presbytery, Alabama Synod,	-	-	-	-	50 00
		Hebron Church, " " " "	-	-	-	-	10 00
		Rev. Wm. Flinn, Hopewell " Georgia "	-	-	-	-	20 00
		South Carolina Presbytery,	-	-	-	-	49 47
		Miss Henry, Canton, Miss., Central Mississippi Pres.,	-	-	-	-	2 00
		Jackson Church, Mississippi,	-	-	-	-	25 00
		A minister's widow, South Carolina Presbytery,	-	-	-	-	1 00
		Mrs. L.'s Sabbath-school class, Greenwood, S. C.,	-	-	-	-	1 00
		Dr. C. A. Stillman, per Dr. J. R. Wilson,	-	-	-	-	328 25
		" " " " " "	-	-	-	-	76 15
		" " " from Rev. J. M. P. Otts,	-	-	-	-	5 85
November	8—To	G. M. Thow, Agent, (Interest,)	-	-	-	-	426 25
Nor.	15—To	Washington Street Presbyterian Church, Greenville.	-	-	-	-	15 00

		South Carolina Presbytery, Synod's assessment,	259 50
		A minister of South Carolina Presbytery,	10 00
		J. A. Mills, Warren Creek Church,	1 00
April	21—To	Allison Creek Church,	13 00
		Beth Shiloh Church,	10 85
			\$6,943 92

May	11—To balance,	CR.	\$19 77
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1867.			
May	22—By	expenses Rev. Messrs. Porter, Dickson, Flinn, Wilson, and McQueen, in attending meeting of Board of Directors of Theological Seminary,	\$ 68 50
June	3—By	Dr. Howe, for repairs Seminary buildings,	46 00
June	30—By	Dr. Howe account salary,	30 00
July	1—By	H. Muller, Treasurer, salary to 1st July,	50 00
August	22—By	Dr. Howe account salary,	180 00
October	1—By	H. Muller, Treasurer, salary to 1st October,	50 00
October	7—By	E. J. Scott, for collecting coupons,	2 50
Nov.	2—By	Rev. Dr. Stillman's travelling expenses,	150 00
			15 00
Office Southern Presbyterian Review, for printing 250 copies Constitution Seminary, by order of Board of Directors,			36 00
Nov.	4—By	E. J. Scott, exchange,	1 00
Nov.	8—By	" " " "	2 13
Dr. Howe account salary,			150 00
Dr. Adger " " "			200 00
Dr. Plumer " " "			90 00
Dr. Leland " " "			60 00
Nov.	23—By	Dr. Howe, for Express freight on records Board of Directors to Nashville,	1 50
Nov.	30—By	E. J. Scott, exchange,	3 30
Dr. Adger account salary,			400 00
Dr. Plumer account salary,			150 00
Dr. Leland account salary,			100 00
Dec.	18—By	Dr. Howe account salary,	200 00
Dec.	24—By	" " " "	200 00
1868.			
January	4—By	E. J. Scott, exchange,	1 85
H. Muller, Treasurer, salary to 1st instant,			50 00
January	6—By	Dr. Howe account salary,	150 00
January	22—By	Express freight,	50
Dr. Adger account salary,			300 00
Dr. Howe account salary,			150 00
Dr. Leland account salary,			100 00
February	3—By	Dr. Plumer account salary,	110 00
E. J. Scott, collection and exchange,			2 25
February	5—By	Rev. A. F. Dickson, travelling expenses,	3 00
Rev. Wm. Flinn, travelling expenses,			21 00
Mr. J. A. Ansley \$14, and Gen. Gilliam \$10,			24 00
February	7—By	Dr. Adger, in full for all claims for salary to January 1st, 1868,	643 30
Dr. Plumer, in full for all claims for salary to January 1st, 1868,			643 30
Dr. Adger account salary to April 1st, 1868,			73 35
Dr. Plumer account salary to April 1st, 1868,			73 34
February	8—By	Dr. Howe, in full for all claims for salary to January 1st, 1868,	513 30
Dr. Howe account salary to April 1st, 1868,			73 35
Dr. Leland account salary for 1867,			311 53
Dr. Leland account salary to April 1st, 1868,			13 47
February	24—By	freight and drayage on one barrel flour,	80
February	25—By	E. J. Scott, exchange,	30
February	28—By	Dr. Adger account salary for 1868,	132 35
Dr. Howe account salary for 1868,			132 35
Dr. Leland account salary for 1868,			42 35
March	16—By	Dr. Adger account salary for 1868,	41 75
Dr. Howe account salary for 1868,			41 75
Dr. Leland account salary for 1868,			13 35
April	1—By	Dr. Howe account salary for 1868,	158 43
Dr. Adger account salary for 1868,			158 43
Dr. Leland account salary for 1868,			50 70
H. Muller, Treasurer, salary to 1st instant,			50 00
April	15—By	Dr. Howe account salary for 1868,	194 50
Dr. Adger account salary for 1868,			194 00
Dr. Plumer account salary for 1868,			227 55
Dr. Leland account salary for 1868,			62 07
Balance,			19 77
			\$6,943 92

PERKINS PROFESSORSHIP.
DR.

1867.			
May	17—To	amount coupons on hand,	\$1,020 00
May	24—To	thirty coupons city of Mobile bonds, \$40 each,	1,200 00
Dec.	11—To	" " " "	1,200 00
			\$4,320 00
1868.			
May	11—To	balance in coupons,	\$1,080 00

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1867.			
May	24—By Dr. Woodrow's salary to 1st July, 1867,		\$1,470 00
	Dr. Woodrow, on account salary from 1st July, 1867,		50 00
Dec.	11—By Dr. Woodrow's salary to 1st January, 1868,		1,450 00
	Dr. Woodrow, on account salary to 1st July, 1868,		270 00
	Balance,		1,080 00
			<u>\$4,320 00</u>

EDUCATION ACCOUNT.

DR.

1867.			
May	20—To balance, (cash \$845.65, coupons \$180,)		\$1,325 65
July	10—To dividends on 100 shares Farmers' and Planters' Bank, Baltimore,		149 25
	Miss S. A. G., through Dr. Howe,		2 00
October	7—To Rev. A. D. Montgomery,		10 00
October	14—To Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston, S. C.,		25 00
October	29—To Broadway Church,		5 00
	Honesa Path Church,		3 00
Nov.	1—To Bethany Church,		9 40
	A lady in Anderson,		1 00
Nov.	8—To Broadway Church,		4 25
Dec.	24—To Friendship Church, S. C. Presbytery,		4 00
1868.			
January	4—To ladies of Spartanburg Church, S. C.,		16 00
January	18—To J. S. Moore, cash returned,		45 00
January	27—To dividends on 100 shares Farmers' and Planters' Bank, Baltimore,		149 25
Feb.	28—To Carmel Church, S. C. Presbytery,		5 00
	James R. Aiken, Winnsboro, S. C.,		20 00
April	23—To W. W. Brimm, cash returned,		100 00
			<u>\$1,873 80</u>

1867.			
May	11—To balance, (cash \$700.60, coupons \$180,)		\$1,180 60

CR.

1867.			
May	23 to May 8, 1868—By cash paid students,		\$ 693 20
	Balance,		1,180 60
			<u>\$1,873 80</u>
1868.			
May	11—By cash paid students,		\$ 179 50
	Balance,		1,001 10
			<u>\$1,180 60</u>

H. MULLER, TREASURER.

Columbia, May 11, 1868.

PRAYER FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States fully recognises the efficacy of the prayers of God's people, and the necessity for divine guidance in its own deliberations; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the General Assembly recommend to all the churches under its care to offer special prayer during the devotion of the Sabbath preceding the meeting of the General Assembly in each year, that God would of great mercy so give the General Assembly the wisdom that cometh from above, and so direct all its plans, discussions, and decisions, as to promote His own glory, and advance the kingdom of Jesus in the earth.

Resolved, 2. That the above preamble and resolution be printed annually in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES, AND CANDIDATES.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Communicants added on Examination.	Communicants added on Certificate.	Total Communicants.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Children in S. S. and Bible Classes.	Funds raised for Sustentation.	Funds raised for Foreign Missions.	Funds raised for Education.	Funds raised for Publication.	Presbyterial.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
SYNOD OF ALABAMA. <i>Ph'y of East Alabama.</i> R. C. Smith, Professor, J. M. McKee, Evangelist,	Talmage, Ga. Montgomery, Ala. Orion, " Oakley, " Talladega, " Wetumpka, " Union Springs, " Arbor Vitæ, " Montgomery, " Prattville, " Jacksonville, " " " Americus, Ga. Tuskegee, Ala. Greenville, " Tuskegee, " Fort Deposit, " Calhoun, " Brazil, S. A. Chambers C. H., Ala. " " Mellow Valley, " Hackneyville, " New Harmony, " Benton, " Rodney, Miss.	Orion. Providence. Talladega, S. S. Wetumpka, P. Union Springs, P. Bethel, P. Montgomery, P. Prattville, P. Jacksonville, P. Bethesda, P. Tuskegee. Greenville, S. S. Sandy Ridge, S. S. Calhoun, S. S. Lebanon, S. S. Lafayette, S. S. Pleasant Grove, S. S. Mt. Pisgah, S. S. New Harmony, S. S. Good Hope.	2	4	32 132 60 91 192 216 83 103 22	37 132 60 91 192 216 83 103 22	5 6 1 8 2	107 75 265 200	63 23 10 115 27	27 2 23 35 15	20 14 150 25	95 5 50 10	30 20 20 50	700 571 369 2867	105 75
A. B. McCorkle, S. S. G. R. Foster, P. F. McMurray, P. Geo. H. W. Petrie, D. D., P. Jas. K. Hazen, P. D. F. Smith, P. Jas. H. Nall, (in transitu.) R. Nall, D. D., Evangelist, Wm. Swift, S. S. H. L. Harvey, J. L. Read, S. S. C. A. Baker, Geo. L. Petrie, Prof. (in trans.)			4	4	51 28 33 32 80 22	51 28 33 32 80 22	25 50 30 37	6 5 5 6	1 1 5 12	8 1 5 15	1 1 5 12	1 1 5 12	8 1 5 15	15	15

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1. *Presbytery of Arkansas.*

J. W. Moore, S. S.
Thomas R. Welch, P.
S. W. Davies, P.
John Anderson, W. C.
J. W. McCord, S. S.
L. McNeely, S. S.
I. J. Long, S. S.
R. W. Shive, S. S.

W.

MINISTERS, Etc.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Com. on ex.	Com. on cer.	Total Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Ch. in S. & B. C.	Sustentation.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Education.	Publication.	Presbyterial.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous
H. C. Brown, P.—9.	Clarendon, Ark. Helena, " Fort Smith, " Van Buren, " Wattensaw, " Des Arc, " Brownsville, " Dardanelle, " Norristown, " Greenwood, " Witteburg, " Galley Rock, " Bentonville, " Smithville, " Powhatan, " Polk Bayou, "	Searcy Valley, S. S. Macedonia, P. Helena, S. S. Fort Smith, S. S. Van Buren, V. Wattensaw, S. S. Des Arc, S. S. Brownsville, V. Dardanelle, S. S. Norristown. Bethel, V. Mount Hope, V. Union, V. Bentonville, V. Lebanon, S. S. Powhatan, S. S. Beulah, V.—26.	11	17	17	4	5	25	12			3	4	175	
			2	11	34		1	20			20		6	9	1500
			8	1	61	4	6	30	7			3	15	135	
			4	1	18		2		15				5		
			6	1	11		2		14		4				
			1		32				9		11				
					18				4						
									14						
Candidates—2.			3	15	18	1	1								
			63	57	650	19	33	422	\$230	\$118	\$278	\$192	\$115	\$14498	\$220
2. Presbytery of Indian.	Doaksville, C. N.	Pine Ridge.	4	2	42	3	2	30	52	14					
C. Kingsbury, D. D.	Belpre, Ohio.														
S. Foreman,	Tahlequah, C. N.	Spencer Academy.	10		60	4	8								
Alex. Reid,	Doaksville, C. N.	Wapanucka.			18										
H. Balentine,	Boggy Depot, C. N.	Wheelock.	2	1	73	1		25	7	20					
C. C. Copeland,	Wheelock, C. N.														
O. P. Stark,	Paris, Texas,														
Allen Wright,	Boggy Depot, C. N.	Chickasaw.	4		18		2			8					
Thos. H. Benton,	Skullyville, C. N.	Living Land, V.			64										
Jos. H. Perryman,	Mico, Creek Nation,	Mt. Fork, V.			24	1									
		Mt. Zion, V.			16										
		Lenox, V.			25										
		Good Water, V.			9										
		Good Land, V.			107										
		Chish Oktak, V.			8										
		Dennington, V.	4		24	1	2			2	8				4

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R. F. Taylor, P.	Summerville, Ga.	Walnut Grove, P.	1	70			5		3				3	180	
S. E. Axson, P.	"	Alpine, P.		60					4				4	200	
R. W. Milner, S. S.	Rome,	Summerville, P.	5	40		1		90	7	13	74	38	20	150	398
H. C. Carter, S. S.	Acworth,	Rome, P.	1	129		1	4	2	1				1	532	
R. H. Walten, W. C.	Dalton,	Beersheba,		40			2	50	3					375	25
J. L. Rogers, S. S.	"	Mars Hill, S. S.		84					4				4	200	3
D. L. Buttolph, P.	"	Carthage, S. S.		49											
Theo. E. Smith, S. S.	"	Spring Place.		55											
Robt. Logan, W. C.—17.	"	Dalton, V.													
Candidate—1.	"	Harmony, S. S.	2	141		1	5	90			20		3	25	45
4. Presbytery of Florida.	"	Marietta, P.	1	2	42						60		5	225	320
James Little, P.	Quincy, Fla.	Friendship, S. S.—27.	11	21	1269	4	18	300		\$28	\$181	\$64	\$87	\$3761	\$791
John E. DuBose, P.	Quincy.		4	2	130	1	8	52	17		17	22	20	1000	30
D. Fraser, P.	Tallahassee,	Quincy, P.	12	3	112	1	8	60	28			16	12	1500	
T. L. DeVeaux, P.	Monticello,	Tallahassee, P.	3	6	67		5	52	60		35	35	30	4568	775
W. H. Crane, D. M.	Madison,	Monticello, P.		2	62		1	40	16			9	20	200	10
E. Lee, W. C.	Quincy,	Marianna, V.		12											
	Manatee,	Idemontia, V.		20											
	"	Euchee Valley, S. S.		215											
	"	St. Augustine, V.		21											
E. P. Crane, Prof.	Pittsburg, Pa.	Jacksonville, V.	3	2	26										
W. P. Harrison, S. S.	Knox Hill,	Micanopy, S. S.	6	33		4		35						300	55
S. (F.) Halliday, W. C.	Newnansville,	Palatka, V.		20				20	4					285	
Joseph Brown, S. S.	Live Oak,	Lake City, V.		6											
	Ocala,	Orange Creek, V.		25											
John W. Montgomery, S. S.	"	Ocala, S. S.		20			1		15	10			8	300	
A. E. Chandler, (in trans.)	Live Oak,	Hamilton, V.	6	13		1		25							
W. B. Telford, S. S.	"	Swansee, S. S.	7	3			2	40	20						528
A. Baker, P.	Fernandina,	Fernandina, F.		13			3		5	8			8		
	"	Oakland, P.	1						10				4	105	
	"	Kanapaha, V.													

		28	11	1051	12	5	305	\$54	\$32	\$320	\$47	\$76	\$3069	\$9
2. <i>Presbytery of Memphis.</i>														
D. H. Cummins, P.	Tenn.	4	4	76		2	60	45		39	32	10	450	60
J. H. Gray, D. D., S. S.	"	1	2	22	1	1	40	5		4	6	5	96	1
R. R. Evans, P.	"	7	2	42	2	1	75	7	12	23	6	5	312	25
J. O. Stedman, D. D., P.	"	3	6	45	1	2		7	17	12		7	400	25
S. S. Gill, S. S.	"	14	3	35	7	6	30	10	10	11	10	10	607	
A. W. Young, W. C.	"	3	1	70	1		40					8	115	
A. H. Kerr, D. D., P.	"	1	1	26								2	38	
James Holmes, D. D., (<i>inform.</i>)	"	6	1	23	5	5						2	38	
F. C. Morris, S. S.	"	4	4	225	2	3	500	126	30	28	56	30	1300	6
S. B. O. Wilson, P.	"	5	6	115	1	8	40	14			23	10	267	
J. D. Meredith, T.	"	7	2	26	4	1	35	3			13	10	290	
T. D. Witherspoon, P.	"	2	2	57				50				2	50	
Wm. A. Sample, P.	"	2	2	15							120	7	200	
J. Rosamond, W. C.	"	5	3	20	2	4						3	150	
George A. Russell, S. S.	"	2	3	20	2									
Wm. A. Hall, S. S.	Tenn.	7	1	86	1		65				47	18	855	65
John S. Park, P.	"	17	28	363	4	18	140	206			126	30	3562	1067
A. M. Watson, S. S.	"	4	6	70	2	4	150		17	11	9	15	577	50
Francis P. Mullally.—19.	"	36	1	70	14	5	65					10	1396	20
Candidates.—2.	"	2	2	43			32	11		8	6	10	275	15
Wm. A. Hall, S. S.	"	7	2	34	5	5	74					5	253	22
John S. Park, P.	"	1	4	115	1					11		10	150	
A. M. Watson, S. S.	"	3	3	33								8	400	
Francis P. Mullally.—19.	"	3	4	34			19	5				7	350	
Candidates.—2.	"	12	4	49	2	1	35			45		12	3500	9
	"			30		4						8	56	
Angus Johnson, S. S.	Holly Springs, Miss.	153	89	1783	55	70	1400	\$498	\$86	\$192	\$454	\$257	\$15899	\$1365
		16		107	28	6		3		3	9	5	185	
												3	125	

Hebron, V.
Gaston, V.—22.

Covington, T.
Mount Lebanon, S. S.

LaGrange, S. S.
Saulsbury, S. S.

Ebenezer, S. S.
Germantown, P.

Salem, P.
Bethesda, S. S.

1st Ch., Memphis, P.
Hickory Withe, S. S.

Macon, S. S.
Raleigh, S. S.

Della, P.
Bellemonte, S. S.

Oscola, S. S.
Cypress Grove, V.

Mount Carmel, P.
2d Ch., Memphis, P.

3d Ch., Memphis, P.
Somerville, S. S.

Dancyville, S. S.
Walnut Grove, V.

Park Avenue Ch., P.
Portersville, S. S.

Emmaus, S. S.
Woodlawn, V.

Bolivar, S. S.
Mt. Bethany, V.—28.

Philadelphia, S. S.
Corinth, S. S.

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S. I. Reid, S. S.	Holly Springs, Miss.	Hudonville, S. S.	3	3	30	1	1	60	8	8	8	2	4	50	
A. H. Caldwell, S. S.	Sardis, "	Sardis, S. S.			54				2	2	3		5	205	
		Bethesda, S. S.			41					1					
		Panola, S. S.													
W. T. Savage, S. S.	Grenada, "	Centre, S. S.			40		1	18	3	3	1		3	90	
Henry H. Paine, P.	Holly Springs, "	Hope, S. S.		1	27			75	6	6			3	75	
Daniel G. Doak, S. S.	Oxford, "	Holly Springs, P.			110	1	2	21	21	21	9	10	12	370	60
E. C. Davidson, P. Elect.	Water Valley, "	College Hill, S. S.		44	160	7	9	68	28	28		13		1434	90
H. McE. Morrison, S. S.	Eureka, "	Water Valley, P. E.		29	89	14	2			20				4552	
		Spring Port, S. S.			59										
E. M. Richardson, S. S.	Grenada, "	Long Creek, S. S.			18			50	11				4	450	12
Geo. P. Richardson, Teacher.	Grenada, "	Grenada, S. S.		3	72	1	5	70	9					600	
J. A. Sloan, W. C.	Colliersville, Tenn.	Charleston, V.		3	46	2	5							200	
James Naylor, S. S.	Tyro, Miss.	Mt. Paran, S. S.		1	29		1	25	12						
		Spring Creek, S. S.			7			20	8						
		Luxaboma, S. S.		1	8			21	9					52	
D. W. Humphreys, S. S.—13.	Vaiden, Miss.	Chulaboma, S. S.		2	35						15			400	
		Edmonston, S. S.		4	72		4				10			150	
		Hernando, V.		4	35		3								
Candidates—5.		Sand Spring, V.			108										
				32	1175	35	30	407	\$118	\$97	\$55	\$34	\$39	\$8938	\$162
4. Presbytery of Tusculumbia.				111											
W. H. Mitchell, D. D.	Florence, Ala.	Florence.													
Alexander Penland,	Huntsville, "	Whitesburg.													
		Ebenezer.													
J. L. Harris,	Somerville, "	Somerville.													
B. N. Sawtelle,	Tusculumbia, "	Tusculumbia.													
W. G. Williams,	LaGrange, "														
Thomas Morrow,	Somerville, "														
	Courtland, "	Fairview.													
	Moulton, "	Courtland.													
		Union Springs.													
		Moulton.													
		Palmyra.													
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John McCampbell, S. S.	Lexington, Miss.	Lexington, S. S.	2	2	64	1	1	30			10		5	600	30
J. H. Alexander, P.	Richland, "	Franklin, S. S.	2	2	24				16		14				
John Hunter, P.	Kosciusko, "	Kosciusko, P.	5	5	61			1	15					475	
S. S. Brown, T.	Jackson, "	Jackson, P.	3	1	126			1	28		21		8	777	50
C. H. Dobbs, T.	Winona, "	Yasoo City, V. V.	6		67			4	60		15			575	
I. J. Daniel, S. S.	Kosciusko, "	Monticello, La. V.			5										
W. T. Hall, P.	Raymond, "	Raymond, S. S.			36										
Stevenson Archer, S. S.	Canton, "	Canton, P.	9	7	88		2	6	40				8	600	50
R. McAnis, Ev.	Greenville, "	Greenville, S. S.													
D. A. Campbell, S. S.	Forest, "	Forest, S. S.	1	13	22			35						240	
A. H. Mecklin, S. S.	Brandon, "	Brandon, S. S.	5	1	35			25	27				2	203	
	Vaiden, "	Poplar Creek, S. S.			68				5		78			150	
		Olney, S. S.	2		38		2								
J. A. McConnell, T.	Brandon, "	Vicksburg, P.	7	8	137		1	8	20				10	1375	150
Joseph Bardwell, P.	Vicksburg, "	Carrollton, S. S.	7	8	44									412	
J. M. Caldwell.—20.	Carrollton, "	Teoc, S. S.			21									350	
	Hopewell, "	Hopewell, S. S.	7	7	66		4					10	5		
	Vaiden, "	Shongalo, S. S.			56				7						
	Delhi, La.	Delhi, V.			12										
	Illawara, "	Pecan Grove, V.			13										
	Canton, Miss.	Madison, V.			44										
	Bolton, "	Bolton, V.			13										
	Warrenton, "	Redbone, V.													
	Raymond, "	Bethesda, S. S.													
		Lebanon, S. S.													
		Hebron, S. S.			8										
	Vaiden, "	Salem, V.													
Edwards' Depot, Miss.	Edwards' Depot, Miss.	Osborne, V.			12										
Winona, "	Winona, "	Middleton, V.			7										
Madison Station, "	Madison Station, "	Mount Hermon, V.			13										
Fannin, "	Fannin, "	Fannin, S. S.			13										
Durant, "	Durant, "	Durant, S. S.			13										
Brandon, "	Brandon, "	Monmouth, S. S.			18										
Kosciusko, "	Kosciusko, "	Nazareth, S. S.			10										
Richmond, La.	Richmond, La.	Richmond, V.			11										

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A. R. Graves, S. S. J. E. Wheeler, Teacher, P. Calhoun, W. C. C. S. M. Montgomery, S. S. O. Newton, Teacher, Joseph Gibert, S. S. —19. Mt. Zion,	Baton Rouge, La. Vicksburg, Miss. Rodney, " Union Ch., " Crystal Springs, Miss. —19. Mt. Zion,	Bethel, V. Rodney, S. S. Pine Ridge, V. Union, S. S. Bensalem, S. S. Hopewell, S. S. Olivet, S. S. Dry Creek, S. S. Sharon, S. S. Zion, V. Ebeneser, V. Meadville, V. Calvary, V. —27.	72	22	1041	26	28	470	\$19	\$33	\$161		\$100	\$164	\$80
<i>Candidates—2.</i>															
4. <i>Presbytery of New Orleans.</i> B. M. Palmer, D. D., P. H. M. Smith, D. D., P. G. L. More, P. W. C. Dunlap, S. S. R. Q. Mallard, P. T. R. Markham, P. B. Wayne, S. S. R. S. McAllister, S. S. N. P. Chamberlain, (inform.)	New Orleans, La. " " " " " " " " " " " " Thibodeaux, " Houma, " Centreville, " Carrollton, " Madisonville, " Covington, " Amite City, " Summit, Miss. Oyake, " New River, La. New Orleans, " —14. <i>Candidate—1.</i>	First Church, P. Third Church, P. Fourth Church, P. Thalia Street, S. S. Prytania Street, P. Lafayette, P. Jefferson City, S. S. Thibodeaux, S. S. Houma, V. Centreville, V. Carrollton, V. Madisonville, V. Breaux, V. Helena, S. S. Piagah, S. S. Oyake, S. S. New River, V. —17.	31	28	550	6	12	300	773	250	368	20	100	5000	2053
			3	1	96	2	12	100	24	125	90	16	10	198	42
			5	2	107	2	14	235	20	125	90	16	10	821	
			4	5	70	1	2	150	20	110	110	80	30	4403	
			8	5	185	3	3	220	112	71	130	76	30	5131	40
			19	13	216	9	23	250	100	17				20	
			1	30	53	1	1	100	8					600	35
			2	20	20	20		40							
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			74	56	1428	22	67	1450	\$1023	\$456	\$840	\$192	\$155	\$21727	\$2176

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J. W. Keer, S. S.	Okolona, Miss.	Okolona, S. S.		3	30			40	5	5	5	5		350	
M. C. Smith, S. S.	Paulding, "	Mayhew, S. S.			20										
J. H. Thomson, W. C.	Marion, "	Montrose, S. S.			50	4	13						5	7	
J. A. Smiley, Prof.	Meridian, "	Good Hope, S. S.	10	1	74										
		Marion, V.			24										
		Mount Moriah, V.			70										
W. C. Emerson, W. C.	—17, Rio Janeiro, S. A.	Toomsaba, V.			15				5					60	
		Centre Point, V.			20	2	1						5	65	
		Pleasant Spring, S. S.	5		38									34	
		Bethany, V.			16										
		Paulding, S. S.			20										
		Shuquafak, V.			12										
		Cooksville, V.			17										
		Pisgah, V.			42										
		Anderson, V.			31										
		Pendleton, V.				3	4						2	143	
		DeKalb, V.	8		60										
		New Hope, V.													
		Salem, V.—40.													
			50	21	1628	13	30	451	\$130	\$113	\$117	\$93	\$107	\$3552	\$606
SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.															
1. <i>Presbytery of Holston.</i>															
J. W. Bachman, S. S.	Surgolinesville, Tenn.	Rogersville, S. S.		1	110				6	8	16	6	9	300	27
	"	New Providence, S. S.	4	1	120	3	1	75	7			3	6	15	204
J. P. Briscoe, S. S.	Blountville, "	New Bethel, S. S.	3	1	143	1	3	100	3				12	150	25
	"	Blountville, S. S.	4	1	188	1	140	17	153		25		15	200	25
S. B. Campbell, S. S.	Leesburg, "	Rheatsville, S. S.	3	3	24			6	1	3				50	
		Leesburg, S. S.	2	4	83		4	90	6		15		8	283	
		Providence, S. S.	4	1	28			20	1	8	31	1	8	75	
J. R. King, S. S.	Bristol, "	Pleasant Grove, S. S.	27		93	5	10	52	20				3	6	10
	"	Cold Spring, S. S.			76			68					8	10	100
G. A. Caldwell, S. S.	Bristol, "	Bristol, S. S.	2	6	123	1	2	121	30	10		30	18	400	
J. D. Tadlock, "	Bristol, "	Professor.													
W. A. Taylor, S. S.	Jonesville, Va.	Mount Carmel, S. S.													
	Tazewell, Tenn.	Tazewell, S. S.			25										

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E. C. Trimble, W. C. D. Owen Davies, P. John W. Neil, P.	Nashville, Tenn. Clarksville, " Murfreesboro, " Nashville, " (New Middleton, Tenn.)	Professor. Clarksville, P. Murfreesboro, P. Harpeth, S. S.	2 4 4	4 4 33	142 175 31	1 1 2	2 2 2	100 100 100	83 64 5		20	34 5 5	13 13 5	750 2707 180	400 42
M. McFeaters, D. M. and S. S.	Cherry Valley, " Murfreesboro, " Milton, " Readyville, " Milton, " Shop Spring, " Nashville, " Green Hill, " Franklin, " Franklin Depot, " Charlotte, " Franklin, "	Mount Vernon, S. S. Cripple Creek, S. S. Hopewell, S. S. Stone's River, S. S. Professor. Spring Creek, S. S. Edgefield, S. S. Hermitage, S. S. New Hope, S. S. Smyrna, S. S. New Bethel, V. Prof. ss. r.—18.	10 5 2 3 1 1 3 1 2 3 1 1	1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1	110 31 50 53 62 78 133 222 42 41 23 23	2 2 3 3 5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	100 100 30 30 100 100 100 100 43 22		1	3	2 32 20 5 22 11	4 11 6 200 300 10	125 1400 45 200 300 10	14
E. T. Brantley, S. S. J. H. McNeilly, S. S. E. D. Finney, S. S. J. B. Chapman, S. S. A. Enloe, W. C.—19. Candidates—2.	" Milton, " Shop Spring, " Nashville, " Green Hill, " Franklin, " Smyrna Depot, " Charlotte, " Franklin, "	Professor. Spring Creek, S. S. Edgefield, S. S. Hermitage, S. S. New Hope, S. S. Smyrna, S. S. New Bethel, V. Prof. ss. r.—18.	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1	62 78 133 222 42 41 23 23	5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	100 100 100 100 43 22	11 13 20 5 22 11		3	2 32 20 5 22 11	4 11 6 200 300 10	125 1400 45 200 300 10	14
4. Presby of North Alabama. F. A. Ross, D. D. W. E. Caldwell, W. H. Vernon, F. L. Ewing, O. B. Caldwell, Alexander Smith, W. C. Robert Caldwell, W. C.	Huntsville, Ala. Elkton, Tenn. Cornersville, " Lewisburg, " Pulaski, " Cornersville, " Fayetteville, " Fayetteville, " Pulaski, "	Huntsville, P. Bethany, S. S. Cornersville, S. S. Lewisburg, S. S. Pulaski, S. S. Bethbert, S. S. Fayetteville, V. Laurel Hill, S. S.	28 8 1 8 13 1 1	3 133 1 3 4 1 1	216 133 45 55 70 136 35	5 5 5 6 6 3	6 5 5 2 8 3	1397 50 86 85	16 29 5 10 150	16 29 5 5 150	39		5 5 3 3 3	1000 510 132 110 100	340
G. B. McCombs, (in transi- t.) J. Simpson Friserson, J. Stevenson Friserson,	Lynnville, " " " Mount Pleasant, Tenn. " " " "	Hopewell, S. S. Elk Ridge. Mount Pleasant. Williamsport.	2 2	23 69 40 75	23 69 40 75	1 1	4 4	25 25	30 9 7	30 9 7	7		6 3	300 143	36

C. Foster Williams,	Ashwood, Tenn.	2	15	75	3	6	649	150
W. J. Frierson,	Columbia, "	10	325	4				3000
S. W. Mitchell,	Columbia, "		72					
F. A. Thompson,	Spring Hill, Ala.							
H. R. Smith, W. C.	Huntsville, "							
John N. Blackburn, W. C.	Wartrace, Tenn.		75					
Andrew McElroy,	Columbia, "		117					
J. M. P. Otts,	Belfast, "	16	143	8	6			
E. O. Frierson,	Petersburg, "		30					
	Boon's Hill, "		43					
	Fayetteville, "							
	Columbia, "							
Wm. Mack, D. D.—20.	Columbia, "							
	Brick Church, "							
	Richland.—23.							
	Fountain Hill.							
	Richland.—23.							
	Unity, (Lincoln,) S. S.	90	20	17	17	32	390	
	Castanea Grove, S. S.		46					
	Lenoir, S. S.	2	1	42	40	10	10	15
	Rocky River, P.		316	1	100	16	23	60
	Hopewell, V.	23	1	159	11	9	34	400
	Drusilla, S. S.		9	9	19		10	325
	Mallard Creek, V.	9	1	175	2			10
	Lebanon, S. S.		59					
	Wadesboro, V.							
	Steel Creek, P.	9	5	310	11	150	16	457
	Pleasant Hill, P.		116			46	26	59
	Rutherfordton, P.		29					
	Little Britain, P.	2	1	100	6			250
	Shelby, V.	2	2	10	2			
	College, P.	6	10	38	1	12		15
	Bethel, (Meckl'g,) S. S.		45					11
	Hendersonville, S. S.	3	28	1	5		2	250
	Mills River, S. S.	2	41	3	85		4	53
	Davidson's River, S. S.		42	3	84		5	213
	Bethel, (Haywood,) S. S.	13	4	26	1			40
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Walter W. Pharr, P.	Statesville, N. C.	Fourth Creek, P.	21	6	165	4	9	100	39	23	0	6	20	1035	175
Geo. M. Gibbs, S. S.	"	Bethesda, V.	2	4	46		7	35	4		14		12	225	
J. M. M. Caldwell, Pres.	"	Mocksville, S. S.			34			25	13	5			4	360	
Thos. N. Parton, S. S.	"	Tabor, S. S.	1		30				3	3					
J. F. W. Freeman, W. C.	"	Concord, V.	15		200	3	13	60	19	13			4	86	
Thos. E. Davis, W. C.	"	Marion, S. S.			29		1	10	3	3	2		4	100	
S. C. Millen, D. D., S. S.	"	Siloam, S. S.			45			25	5						
	"	Ramah, V.			128										
	"	Jefferson, V.			5				27				6	260	
	"	Taylorville, S. S.		2	54			30							
	"	Salem, S. S.			32										
R. N. Davis, P.	"	Wilkesboro, S. S.			21			40	8	8				250	
	"	Lincolnton, P.			67		3	40		6		4	6	50	
	"	Long Creek, P.			100		4						3		
	"	Goshen, S. S.			40								4		
S. C. Pharr, D. D., P.	"	Caldwell, P.	11	1	222	1	7	55					2	24	7
Jacob Hood, S. S.	"	Franklin (Macon), S. S.			24	1	1	50	7				3		
A. W. Miller, D. D., P.	"	Ebenezer, S. S.	2	1	38				5						
B. L. Beall, Evangelist,	"	Charlotte, P.	8	22	238	1	16	270	330	152	150	138	50	3000	150
	"	Lenoir,			30										
W. C. Sheets, P.	"	Hiwassee, V.			8										
J. S. Barr, S. S.	"	Beulah, V.													
	"	Morganton, P.			75		5	25	23	17			10	387	2
	"	Lincolnton,		3	121	4	7	50	22	6	6		18	183	5
	"	Oney, S. S.	2	2	12	1	1		6	1			6	11	
	"	Dallas, S. S.			10										
	"	Mauchpelah, S. S.	30	16	242	6	6	120	95	53			15	600	193
G. D. Parks, P. E.	"	Sugar Creek, P. E.			8										
Alex. Sinclair, W. C.	"	Sandy Plains, V.													
J. Rumble, P.	"	Salisbury, P.	22	4	129	2	3	195	264	43	168	18	20	974	
D. A. Fenick, Jr., P.	"	Poplar Tent, P.	9	8	182			5	71	15	615	7	20	420	200
Wm. W. Pharr, P.	"	Bethphage, P.	5	1	196	2	5	50	23	3	2	1	10	288	
	"	Centre, P.			163			60	23	5	3		15	271	
	"	Rowan Mills, "	2	1	90		5	80	12	33			20	480	
Wm. A. Wood, P. E.	"	Third Creek, P. E.	3	2	112	1			23	8			16	215	
John D. Wilson.	"	Unity (Rowan), P. E.			3		10	40	8				4	155	
E. H. Harding, P.	Covington, Tenn.	Newton, V.	2	3	27								20	1209	186
W. B. Watts, P.	Concord, N. C.	Concord Town, P.	2	14	141	1	11	80	15	20	20	23	20	400	760
	Mc. Ulla, "	Back Creek, P.	4	4	162	1			70	18	7	4	12		

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J. M. Sherwood, S. S.	Fayetteville,	N. C.	2		28	1	1	18	15	8	3	3	10	268	30
D. D. McBryde, P.	Mill Grove,	"			127	1	7	60	23				5	343	
M. McQueen, P.	Carthage,	"	9		275										
James McQueen, S. S.	Swan's Station,	"	3		250	3	10	100	23	2	7	1	12	466	1
N. T. Bowden, S. S.	Laurinburg,	"	2		145	1	3	65	14				4	340	10
A. McQueen, P. E.	Shoe Heel,	"	1		61									600	
J. H. Coble, P.	Shoe Heel,	"	8		1	1	1		7		1	4	6	100	2
H. L. Singleton, P.	Wilmington,	"	47		154	6	4			1	1	1	19	293	
H. G. Hill, P. E.	Fayetteville,	"	20	15	227	2	2	55	47	5	7	7	19	1000	8
David Fairley, P.	Manchester,	"	20	15	135	6	12	167	144	130	20	27	30	4500	200
M. McNair, P.	Shoe Heel,	"			206				25	12	12	12	20	1500	61
J. H. Colton, S. S.	Bostick's Mills,	"			383				13	11	11	11	11	500	
S. H. Jaler, P.	Kinston,	"	1						5	5	5	5	5	250	
B. F. Marable, P.	Clinton,	"	3		31	1	7	20	6	5	5	5	4	250	
A. N. Ferguson, P.	Carthage,	"	2		61	1			4				4	150	
James Kelly, P.	Brown Marsh,	"			20									66	
Luther McKinnon, S. S.	Goldboro,	"			26				6	3	3		17	300	25
K. M. McIntyre, P. E.—30.	Curriesville,	"	2		50			40					3	250	8
			5		22	2	1	20	5				3	375	25
			5		53	1	3	60	5				7	199	
			2		112								6	220	
			2		145				17					250	
			4		38				4				12	200	
			6		12	3			10					449	
			1		143				2					84	
					35				4					119	

Licentiates—4.

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Candidates—7.

3. Presbytery of Orange.

Thomas Lynch, S. S.
George W. Ferrill, S. S.

George W. Ferrill, S. S.

Edward Hines, P.

Jacob Doll, P.

A. G. Hughes, P.

A. Currie, P.

S! A. Stanfield, P.

Thomas U. Faucette, S.S.

Joseph M. Atkinson, P.

P. H. Dalton, P.

J. Henry Smith, P.

F. H. Johnston, P.

D. E. Jordan, P.

	1	134	1	1	7	11	4	3	115	
J. M. Anderson, Professor,		1	160	3	7	10		5	72	
J. S. Bailey, S. S.		162	5			5		5	50	
J. E. White, P.		52				6			441	74
T. W. Erwin, P.		119				20		77		
A. A. James, P.	5	3	83	2	5	17	10	5	50	6
D. Harrison, S. S.		90			16	27		3	300	6
H. R. Dickson, P. Elect,		15			3			5	282	15
W. W. Ratchford, S. S.	11	53		3	19	148	24	12	499	
J. N. Craig, P.		114	2		5	10		5	356	20
D. A. Todd, P.		38		1	22	6		5	337	80
Licentiate—1.		58			8			5	310	14
C. H. Strong.		36		1	14	3		3		
Candidates—5.		16				4				
2. Presbytery of Charleston.		25								
George Howe, D. D., Prof.		12								
Aaron W. Leland, D. D., Prof.		314		1	13	105	11	10	537	37
Thomas Smyth, D. D., P.	2	3	156	1	21	78	15	10	425	
John L. Girardeau, D. D., P.		72								
John Forrest, D. D.										
W. States Lee,										
Edward Palmer, P.										
Wm. C. Dana, P.										
W. B. Yates, Seaman's Chap.										
D. X. Lafar, W. C.										
T. H. Legaré, W. C.										
I. S. K. Legaré, W. C.										
John R. Dow, P.										
Wm. E. Boggs, P.										
A. F. Dickson, P.										
Beth Shiloh, S. S.	34	103165	15	34	\$195	\$734	\$93	\$205	\$5723	\$278
Davidson College, N. C.										
McConnellsville, S. C.										
Chester, "	30	3	315	2	13	250		20	1535	93
Blackstocks, "	51	9	494	17	19	205	50	98	3539	
Jonesville, "										
Fort Mill, "										
Yorkville, "										
Yorkville, "										
Lancasterville, "										
Santuo, "										
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" "										
Guthrie'sville, "										
Rock Hill, "										
Lowrysaville, "										
Columbia, S. C.										
Charleston, "										
Charleston, "										
Edisto Island, "										
Walterboro, "										
Charleston, "										
" "										
Orangeburg, "										
Charleston, "										
Columbia, "										
Orangeburg, "										
John's Is. & Wadmalaw.	6	90	2	3	110				300	
1st Church, Columbia.	3	1	150	4	365				898	664
Orangeburg.	5	3	70	4	37		17	5	647	

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E. O. Frierson, S. S.	Belfast, Tenn.	Union, V.	32	32	4	11	12	15	430
H. M. Brearley, P.	Shoe Heel, N. C.	Carolina, P.	14	25	20			15	30
W. A. Gregg, P.	Bishopville, S. C.	Red Bluff, P.	2	3	3		5	120	42
D. McDuffie, P.	Little Rock, S. C.	Bishopville, P.	57		18		8		
W. H. Singletary, W. C.		Hephzibah, P.	26		9				
J. L. Bartlett, S. S.		Pine Tree, P.	52		10				
J. D. A. Brown, P.		Pisgah, P.	35						
J. E. Dunlop, P.		Elon, V.	44		8				
G. R. Brackett, P.		Concord, S. S.	211		22			6	700
E. H. Buist, S. S.		Florence, P.	30		7			7	392
W. S. Plumer, D. D., LL.D.—28		Marion, P.	16	21		5	8	24	1114
Licentiate—4.		Seiton, P.	2	85	32				
R. E. Cooper, S. S.		Great Pee Dee, S. S.	2	20	10				
S. E. Chandler.		Prof. Theo. Seminary.	3	1					
H. Strong.			26						
W. W. Mills.									
Candidates—9.									
		Centre Point, S. S.	14		8			4	
		Hermion, V.							
		Williamsburg, V.	3						
		Beaver Creek, V.	56						25
		Beulah, S. S.	42		7	5		10	
		Kingston, S. S.	18	20	7				
		Indiantown, V.	30		4				
		Salem (B. R.), V.	82	42	32	56	26	20	1120
		Salem (L. R.), V.	406	2	16	12	15		200
		Lebanon, V.	201		22	47	10		550
		Turkey Creek, V. —41.	80						
			30						
4. Presbytery of S. Carolina.			56	16,3045	491	\$155	\$218	\$147	\$217
D. Humphreys, P.	Rock Mills, S. C.	Good Hope, P.							\$334
J. L. Kennedy, P.	" "	Roberts, P.	2	145	5	4	25	13	200
W. Carlie, (superannuated.)	Equality, "	Carmel, P.	1	124	20	10	53	6	150
J. B. Adger, D. D., Prof.,	Williamston, "	Williamston, S. S.	1	19	10	5	22	10	16
E. T. Buist, D. D., P.	Anderson C. H., "			18			3		3
S. Donnelly, S. S.	Columbia, "	Theological Seminary.							
	Greenville C. H., "	Washington Street, P.	3	72	36		15	14	280
	Greenwood, "	Broadway, S. S.	8	40	17		17	5	220
	Honea Path, "	Honea Path, S. S.		18	2		4		
	Newberry C. H. "	Smyma, S. S.	42	42	20		10	5	125

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S. J. Price, P. F. C.	Laurens C. H.,	S. C. Friendship, S. S.	2	78	80		30	30			9		3		
D. McNeill Turner, D. D., P.	Cross Hill,	" Liberty Spring, S. S.	27	158	184		200	184	100		185	50	22	900	
W. McWhorter, S. S.	Abbeville,	" Upper Long Cane, P.	3	350	350		20	20			7		5		
	"	Becheor's Retreat,		37	37						4		4		
W. H. Davis, S. S.	"	" Nasareth, B. D., S. S.		46	46		2		7				10		
	Calhoun's Mills,	" Ledmont, S. S.	2	31	31								15	250	
	Willington,	" Willington, S. S.	1	65	65								15		
J. F. Gibert, P.	Calhoun's Mills,	" Hopewell, V.	12	99	99		6	25	21		5	11	15	175	
	Abbeville C. H.,	" Lebanon, P.	1	100	100		1		40				2		
	"	" Bethia, S. S.		15	15								10	175	
A. A. Porter, D. D., P.	Spartanburg C. H.,	" Spartanburg C. H., P.	8	74	30		2	30	3		29		10	175	
Z. L. Holmes, Prof., S. S.	"	" N. Pacolet, S. S.	11	32	10		9	75	20		10		16	200	
	Laurens C. H.,	" Rocky Spring, S. S.		235	235				11				6		
	Clinton,	" Duncan's Creek, S. S.		25	25								4		
	Cross Hill,	" Little River, S. S.		94	94				9		8				
C. B. Stewart, S. S.	Fairview,	" Fairview, S. S.	9	314	314		6	53	43	7	25	6	30	300	
John McLees, P.	Greenwood,	" Rock, P.		151	151				23		30		8		
J. C. Williams, P.	Due West,	" Greenville, P.		233	233			155	9		6		30		
	Ninety Six,	" Ninety-Six, S. S.		25	25			20			4		3		
J. B. Hillhouse, S. S.	Pickens C. H.,	" Pickens C. H., S. S.		32	32										
	Walhalla,	" Bethel, S. S.		40	40										
R. H. Reid, P.	Reidville,	" Nazareth, P.		228	228								25		
J. O. Lindsay, S. S.	Due West,	" Providence, S. S.	1	92	92		20	20	7	5	5		15	19	
A. A. Morse, Evangelist.	Lowndesville,	" Rocky River, V.		94	94				11						
	Laurens C. H.,	" Bethesda, V.		20	20										
E. F. Hyde, S. S.	"	" Warrior's Creek, V.		25	25										
	Souffletown,	" New Harmony, S. S.		89	89			51					5		
	"	" Mount Calvary, S. S.		21	21				1		7		5		
R. A. Mickle, P.	Reidville,	" Antioch, S. S.		20	20				2		7		7		
W. P. Greedy, S. S.	Newberry C. H.,	" Aveligh, P.	2	60	30		3	30	20	3	20		7	400	
	Walhalla,	" Richland, S. S.		45	45				4		3		3		
	"	" Tugaloo, S. S.		26	26						5		5		
W. F. Pearson, P.	Storeville,	" Little Mountain, P.		71	71						30		8		
	"	" Varennes, P.		47	47						31		10		
J. R. Riley, Prof., P.	Laurens C. H.,	" Laurens C. H., P.	1	120	60		3	60	20	20	64	11	20	450	
Hugh McLees, S. S.	Pendleton,	" Hopewell, (Pend.), S. S.		96	35				14		8		10		

W. P. Jacobs, P.	Double Branches, S. C.	Midway, V.	2	59	2	2	30					5	100	
W. H. Stratton, P.—28.	Anderson C. H., "	Mount Zion, V.	1	25	2	2	51	3	3	30		3	400	148
	"	Clinton, P.		125				18						
	"	Shady Grove, P.		40				25						
	Anderson C. H., "	Anderson C. H., P.	3	76		1	45	3		18	5	18	710	
	Laurens C. H., "	Bethany, S. S.	2	4	2	3		15		15		10	200	
	Reidville, "	Mount Tabor, S. S.		54						7		5	100	
	Newberry C. H., "	Mount Bethel, V.		10										
	"	Childer's Creek, V.—53.		14										
	Columbia, "													
J. M. Robinson,	Double Branches,		84	31	17	53	1486	\$561	\$70	\$721	\$98	\$445	\$5354	\$177
Candidates—5.														
SYNOD OF TEXAS.	Brenham, Texas.	Prospect, P.												
1. Presbytery of Brazos.		Brenham.	5	2	30	2		13	12				100	
J. W. Miller, P.	"	Washington.		10										
	Houston, "	Houston, S. S.	1	15	2									
W. C. Somerville,	"	Galveston, V.		91			205	32					1000	500
M. C. Conolly, S. S.	Brenham, "	Galatia, S. S.	7	19	7	7	140	50		100	90	40	5335	
James Wilson, S. S.	Wheelock, "	Wheelock, S. S.		172										
	"	Concord, S. S.												
R. H. Byers,	Clear Creek, "													
H. P. Young, S. S.	Galveston, "	1st German, Galveston.												
J. M. Cochran, P.	Huntville, "	Huntville, P.	4	2	62	1	5	35				520		
Joseph Boone,	Montgomery, "	Dauville.												
J. R. Hutchison, D. D., D. M.	Houston, "	Narasota.												
	"	Hempstead.												
Samuel McKinney, D. D.	Huntville, "	Presid't Austin College.												
D. McNair,	Galveston, "													
—11.		Richmond.												
		Columbia.												
		Bethel.												
		Chapel Hill.												
		Waverley.												
		Centreville.												
		Montgomery.—20.	16	24	380	1	16	380	\$12	\$104	\$90	\$40	\$6855	\$500

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James McChain, P.	Abingdon, Va.	Sinking Spring.	1	2	107		5	85	77	60	30		20	900	
Lee C. Brown, S. S.	Hillville, "	Hillville & Bethesda, S. S.	4		25	1	1						10		
James M. Humphreys, T.	White Gate, Giles Co., Va.	Kimberlin, S. S.			6								15	245	
Isaac N. Naff, P.	Dublin Depot, Va.	Draper's Valley.		1	56		2	35	43	5			100	100	
Jonathan Lyons, S. S.	Tazewell C. H., Va.	Jeffersonville, S. S.			25		2		21			5		250	
		Thompson Valley, S. S.		6	39		5	50	27				20	350	1500
		Glade Spring, P.	4		93	2			10						
H. M. White, P.	St. Louis, Mo.	Pine St. Ch., St. Louis.											10		
E. T. Lacy, S. S.	Winchester, Ky.	Chatham Hill, S. S.	2	2	19		1	40	14				10	750	6
Chas. W. Price,	Marion, Smythe Co., Va.	Royal Oak, S. S.	1		59		1	40	5				5	238	3
Wm. V. Wilson, S. S.	Abingdon, "	Rock Spring.	5	6	131		2	100	27				20	587	9
A. L. Hoghead, P.	"	Beaver Creek, S. S.	2	4	106		8	75			15	60	20	395	
H. B. Rose, S. S.	Wytheville, "	Wytheville, S. S.	4	3	129								5		
J. H. Martin, S. S.	Dublin Depot, "	New Dublin, P.	1		63				2		3				
Robt. Gray, P.	Abingdon, "	Green Spring, S. S.		1	74										
Henry Smith, S. S.	Max Meadows, "	Cove.			17										
	"	South Fork.			10										
	"	Sharon.			30										
	"	Anchor & Hope.			7								5		
	"	Pleasant Grove.													
			26	27	1096	4	25	460	\$236	\$65	\$48	\$72	\$155	\$4115	\$1516
<i>Presbytery of East Hanover.</i>															
A. Converse, D. D., Editor.	Richmond, Va.														
Joseph C. Stiles, D. D., Evan.	"														
John S. Watt, T.	McFarland's, "														
A. J. Leavenworth, T.	Petersburg, "													600	
T. Pryor, D. D., P.	Nottoway C. H., "	Nottoway.			80		3	20	40			22			
W. Brown, D. D., Editor.	Richmond, "														
John Leyburn, D. D., S. S.	Baltimore, Md.														
S. W. Blain, W. C.	Bremo Bluff, Va.														
J. D. Dudley, P.	Ford's Depot, "	Namozine.		32										85	
T. V. Moore, D. D., P.	Richmond, "	1st Church, Richmond.	12	4	380	2	7	525	284	168			40	5156	250
Geo. D. Armstrong, D. D., P.	Norfolk, "	Norfolk.	6	4	238	1	1	225	175	50	50		32	30	1100
John Miller, P.	Petersburg, "	2d Church, Petersburg.	8		131			180	157				22	40	700

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B. B. Blair.	Grassy Meadows, W. Va. Mountain Cove, " Point Pleasant, " Buffalo, " Green Bank, " Dunmore, " Summersville, " Anthony's Creek, " Kanawha C. H., " Guyandotte, "	McElhenny, S. S. Fayette, S. S. Point Pleasant, P. Buffalo, S. S. Liberty, V. Baxter, V. Summersville, V. Anthony's Creek, V. Kanawha. Western, S. S. —23.	47	16	1446	15	42	755	\$349	\$37	\$15	\$138	\$97	\$3725	\$162
Candidates—2.															
4. <i>Presbytery of Lexington.</i> James Morrison, (aged & inf.) F. McFarland, D. D., P. J. Murray, Co-P. E. P. Bowman D. D., (infirm.) W. G. Campbell, W. C. W. S. White, D. D., (infirm.) J. S. Blain, S. S. R. Lewis, W. C. N. W. Calhoun, D. M. S. Brown, P. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., Prof. E. Thomas, (infirm.) T. D. Bell, P. W. T. Richardson, P. W. H. Ruffner, (infirm.) W. Pinkerton, P. John Pinkerton, P. P. M. Custer, Teacher. J. A. Scott, Prin. Fem. Ac'y. P. Fletcher, P. R. Scott, S. S. R. J. Taylor, S. S.	Brownsburg, Va. Mint Spring, " Greenville, " Mount Sidney, " " " Lexington, " Deerfield, " Holcomb's Rock, " Upper Track, " Kerr's Creek, " Lexington, " Craigsville, " Harrisonburg, " Waynesboro, " Lexington. Steel's Tavern, " Mount Solon, " Harrisonburg, " Lexington. Churchville, " Beverly, West Va. Cedar Grove, Va. Timberbridge, "	Bethel, P. Lexington, S. S. Rocky Spring, S. S. New Monmouth, P. Cook's Creek, P. Waynesboro, P. Mount Carmel, P. Mossy Creek, P. Oxford, S. S. Larch Willow, P. Tygart's Valley, S. S. Hethesda, S. S. Timberbridge, S. S.	5 8 4	1 9 173	157 263 67	2 1 1	2 9 100	103 100 40	125 37 17	27 750 712	456 200 11	19 37 17	10 500 225	110 200 15	

W. E. Baker, P.	Staunton, Va.	42	7	256	3	3	250	150				40	25	998	168
E. D. Junkin, P.	Brownburg, "	12	2	372	7	22	160	286				60	47	1260	57
C. S. M. See, P.	Fishersville, "	4	5	154			12	134	46			22	23	548	100
R. C. Walker, P.	Parnassus, "		1	85			61	53	16			4	11	311	130
J. R. Bowman, P.	Harrisonburg, "	5	2	92	2	7	100	24	18	15			12	705	28
F. H. Bowman, P.	Mt. Sidney, "	2	7	102			42	56	33			26	19	550	50
W. T. Price, S. S.	Monterey, "						30							26	
R. P. Kennedy, S. S.	Goshen Bridge, Va.						18								
T. L. Preston, P.	Swoope's Depot, "	2	107	76	4			25		18	20	12	440		
H. H. Hawes, P.	Mt. Meridian, "	6	1	56	2		60	30		45	5	13	800	13	
W. W. Houston, P.	Warm Springs, "	7	2	41	3	1	30	15	24	10	6	6	200		
D. Blain, P.	Millboro Springs, Va.	4	50	1	2	50	3	23					10	500	
—34.	Collierstown, P.	2	103	1	1	188	1			7	8	11	343	12	
J. H. Gilmore, Licentiate—2.	Fairfield, P.	8	76	4		40	9	10			4	8	175		
M. H. Houston.	Middlebrook, "	9	51	24	4	30	9					5	132		
Candidates—2.	Bensalem, V.		15	15		35	11								
	Pendleton, V.		18	18					7			2			
	Goshen, V.		20	20											
	Kerr's Creek, V.		20	20											
	Massanutton, V.		20	20											
	Mingo Flata, S. S.		39	39				5						60	
	New Bethany, V.		30	30											
	Buckhannon, V.		24	24											
	French Creek, V.		167	167											
	New Bethel, V.		17	17											
	West Fork, V.		8	8											
	Glenville, V.		8	8											
	Clarkeburg, V.		65	65											
5. Presbytery of Montgomery.		185	50	3796	37	42	1951	\$1224	\$254	\$249	\$259	\$325	\$11533	\$829	
J. D. Ewing, W. C.	Fancy Hill, Va.														
U. Powers, W. C.	Big Lick, "														
A. Hart, P.	Pattonburg, "	1	36				33	14		10		6	315		
J. B. Ramsey, D. D., P.	"		80					4		5	11		170		
J. D. Mitchell, D. D., P.	Lynchburg, "	1	10	121	6	214	100	12	317	25	12	25	1048		
S. D. Stuart, W. C.	2d Ch., Lynchburg, P.	4	1	167	1	146	19	23	25	25	12	25	726		
	Staunton, "														

MINISTERS, Etc.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Com. in ex.	Com. on cer.	Total Cov.	Admits Bap.	Infants Bap.	Ch. in S. & B. C.	Sustenta- tion.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Educa- tion.	Publi- cation.	Presby- terial.	Congre- gation- al.	Miscel- laneous
J. G. Shepperson, P.	New London, Va.	Plagah & N. London, P.		1	89				16		7	3	12	13	
J. H. Bobock, D. D., P.	Fincastle, "	Fincastle, P.		2	76	1		54	15		10	5	23	537	
W. H. Crawford, S. S.	Newcastle, "	Newcastle, S. S.			41	10		50					6		
P. T. P. Nick, P.	Thaxton's, "	Peaks, P.	12	2	115		5	160	14	18	11	7	12	596	
J. M. Rice, P.	Covington, "	Covington, P.			180				20		17	7	10	325	
C. A. Miller, S. S.	Fancy Hill, "	Falling Spring, P. E.	3	5	184			166	44	29		21	60	1819	
T. W. Hooper, P.	Christiansburg, "	White House, S. S.			14										
L. H. Blanton, (<i>in transitu</i> .)	Shawsville, "	Christiansburg, P.		3	202	2	4	85	40	16	20	71	20	466	131
A. W. Pitzer,	Christiansburg, "	Salem, Va.		16	174	6		112	72		31		20	900	112
H. P. Smith, W. C.	Danville, Ky.	Piedmont, V.		2	27	2			1						
J. P. Smith, P.	Gogginsville, Va.	Big Lick, P.		2	42	2	4	76	17			10	5	202	9
W. F. Wilhelm, P.—13.	Liberty, "	Liberty, S. S.			65			30					10	160	
	Blackburg, "	Blackburg, P.	5	4	62	2	7	25	15			15	15	525	
	Amsterdam, "	Mountain Union, V.	1		68		1		11				8	85	
	Salt Petre Cave, "	Mount Carmel, V.			40										
	Locust Bottom, "	Locust Bottom, V.			50										
	Giles C. H., "	Pearisburg, S. S.		2	16			7	14		6	7		200	
	Floyd C. H., "	Jacksonville, V.			11										
	Mercer C. H., "	Princeton, V.			35										
	Fincastle, "	Craig's Creek, V.			6										
	Junction Store, "	Mountain Vale, V.			5										
	Glenwood, "	Glenwood, V.													
<i>Licentiate</i> —4.															
G. T. Lyle,	Port Gibson, Miss.														
H. T. Darnall, S. S.	Giles C. H., Va.														
E. H. Barnett, Assistant.	Lynchburg, "														
B. Farnham,	Liberty, "														
<i>Candidates</i> —4.															
6. <i>Presbytery of Potapaco.</i>															
J. J. Bullock, D. D., P.	Baltimore, Md.	Franklin Street, P.	53	37	1862	26	29	1158	\$416	\$98	\$510	\$169	\$242	\$8087	\$268
Samuel B. Jones, D. D., W. C.	Bridgeton, N. J.						1	2	400	30	500	1000	100	3600	1000

J. A. Lefevre, P. John B. Ross, S. S.	Md. Baltimore, " Bladensburg, " Port Deposit, " Pikeville, " Baltimore, " Oakland, " Bel Air,	Franklin Square, P. Oak Grove, S. S. Bladensburg, S. S. West River, S. S. Evangelist. Evangelist.	4	10	155	1	1	130	70	34	50	2067	200
		—5.	15	24	629	2	3	530	\$2870	\$1034	\$150	\$5722	\$1206
			10	1	200	3		320	100	50	30	2220	263
			3	7	60	1		40	134			250	
			3	5	17				15	11	3	121	
				1	35								
				15									
				175				3	75	43		600	107
			2	8	42			1	2	5	10	500	100
			23	3	101	11		133	67	41	10	430	388
				55									
				23									
				12									
				19									
			41	25	782	15	4	568	\$383	\$453	\$53	\$4121	\$858
			1		69	1			18	14	12	25	
			4	2	112	1	3		30	16	15		12
			1	2	187		4	40	65	13	20	725	
				2	98				26	26	15	385	
									11	13	17	470	
			1		47			40	26	7	10	75	30

7. *Presby of Rappahannock.*

James T. Leftwich, P.
A. D. Pollock, S. S.
John W. Fugh, P.
Thomas B. Batch, S. S.
A. M. Hershey, D. M.
Robert S. Bell, W. C.
Edward H. Cumpston, P.
Robert I. McMullan, S. S.
Jonah W. Lupton, P.
C. H. Nourse, W. C.
T. S. Witherow, W. C.

—11.

Licentiate—1.

Wm. O. Robey, (colored.)

8. *Presbytery of Ronoke.*

Samuel B. Wilson, D. D., Prof.
Isaac Cochran, P.
T. E. Peet, D. D., Prof.
Thomas Wharey, P.
H. C. Alexander, P.
Alexander Martin, P.
H. A. Brown, P.
Wm. H. Matthews, P.

Hampden Sidney, Va.

Pamplin's D. S. S. R. R.

Hampden Sidney, Va.

Keyville,

Charlotte C. H.,

Aspenwall,

Mossingford,

Pittsylvania C. H.,

Leesville, P.

Name	Locality	10	3	136	2	9	60	77	55	14	15	2108	60
Benjamin M. Smith, D. D., P.	Hampton Sidney, Va.												
Robert L. Dabney, D. D., P.	" "												
Wm. S. Thompson, P.	New Canton, " "	3	5	50		8	25	21	16	9	10	625	
James H. Fitzgerald, S. S.	Scottsville, S. S.	1		62	1		28	8	6	2	8	450	
	Maysville, S. S.	2		72		5	20	5		6	15	407	
Samuel W. Watkins, W. C.	Farmville, " "												
J. M. P. Atkinson, D. D.	Hampton Sidney, " "												
Benjamin M. Wailes, P.	Nelly's Ford, " "												
	Cove, P.			40									
Charles Beach, S. S.	Gordonsville, " "			45									
Richard Melwaine, P.	Farmville, " "	12	4	114	4	3	50	58	31	11	15	2108	60
Edgar Woods, P.	Charlottesville, " "	6	5	127		3	134	187	111	67	90	1227	437
Wm. Dinwiddie, P.	Greenwood Depot, " "	3	3	46		7	44	20		10	85	252	
H. P. R. McCoy, P.	Thompson's X Roads, " "	1		40	1	3		20					
I. W. K. Handy, D. D.	Orange C. H., " "	10	16	56	7	12	90	25			10	2000	
J. K. Harris, S. S.	Amherst C. H., " "	8	3	8	6	5	10	10	2	6		401	
J. W. Leyburn, P.	Appomattox C. H., " "	2	21	1	3	40	14	14			32	115	
James M. Wharey, S. S. —19.	Appomattox C. H., " "	2	1	101	2	11	18	18	25	2		243	
	Farmville, " "						140	9	4			60	
	Walker's Church, S. S.												
	Appomattox C. H., " "			15									
	Madison C. H., " "			29									
	Dover Mills, " "			13									
	" "												
	Palmyra, " "												
	Rivanna, V., (disolved.)												
	Hebron, S. S.												
	Willis's, S. S.												
	Appomattox, S. S.	1	14			2		1	1	1	8	70	
	New Store, S. S. —23.	2	35			5		4	5	3			
	" "												
	Farmville, Va.												
	Auburn, Ky.												
	Sallisbury, Md.												
	W. C. Brooks, " "												
	Louisville, Ky.												
	New Store, " "												
	Hampden Sidney, " "												
	Edward Lane, " "												
	Amsterdam, " "												
	Richmond, " "												
	Romney, West Va.												
	Romney, P.	58	45	1051	24	76	629			\$98	\$174	\$5882	\$497
	Springfield, P.	4	2	111	1	1	80	45		11	15	366	
				29				10			5		

Licentiate—9.

C. J. Arnistead.

W. L. Bailey, (in transitu.)

P. P. Flournoy,

W. C. Brooks,

J. K. Hiner,

W. U. Maryland,

Edward Lane,

Wm. Dennis Morton,

Thomas E. Converse,

10. Presbytery of Winchester.

Win. H. Fouts, D. D., P.

MINISTERS, Etc.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Com. on ex.	Com. on cer	Total Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Ch. in t. s. & B.C.	Sustentation.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Educa- tion.	Publi- cation.	Presby- terial.	Congrega- tional.	Miscel- laneous
James G. Hamner, D. D., W. C. Baltimore, Md.	W. Va. Martinsburg, P. E.	W. Va. Martinsburg, P. E.	2	1	80			65	50				10	473	
David H. Riddle, D. D., P. E. Martinsburg.	Green Spring Depot, "	Mount Bethel, P. E.			28			40	10	5	5		5	20	10
Moses Raymond, P.	Hedgesville, "	Falling Water, P. E.	4	1	112	6			28	5			13	20	
Lewis F. Wilson, P.		Tuscarora, S. S.											6		
Silas Billings, P.	Duffield's Depot, "	Elk Branch, P. E.			89				31				10	200	
Robert T. Berry, S. S.	Alexandria, "	Front Royal, S. S.			45				20		10			238	
Warren B. Dutton, D. D., S. S.	Harper's Ferry, "	Harper's Ferry, S. S.			20				5						
Nathaniel G. North, W. C.	Charlestown, "														
Edward Martin, S. S.	New Creek, "	Mount Hope, S. S.			8				7						
James R. Graham, P.	Winchester, "	Piedmont, S. S.	10	1	27	2			22				3	525	100
Charles White, P.	Berryville, "	Kent St., Winchester, P.		2	136			125	57		20	35	15	600	100
		Berryville, P.	1	5	37				23	10	15	6		260	5
		White Post, S. S.			10								8	75	
John Johnston, P. E.	Luncy's Creek, W. Va.	Mount Zion, P. E.			80		3		11					300	60
Malcom W. Woodruff, S. S.	Burlington, "	Patterson's Creek, S. S.	2		45		1		66			6		270	
George William White, P.	Moorefield, "	Moorefield, P.	3	2	148			75	102			30	20	594	
William A. Crawford, S. S.	Winchester, "	Oxonon, S. S.			17			70	41			22		133	
John M. Clymer,	Woodstock, "	Woodstock.	4	3	90	2		50	20				10	160	40
		Strasburg.	7	2	30	2		50	15				5	50	30
		Cedar Creek.	2		20				10					100	
E. W. Bedinger, P.	Shepherdstown, W. Va.	Shepherdstown, P.	9	2	104	3		60	133			17		350	
A. C. Hopkins, P.	Charlestown, "	Gerrardstown, S. S.			140			60	34				10	50	
George L. Loyburn, P.	Winchester, "	Charlestown, P.	2	1	179			108	100		50	20	20	949	
		London St., Winchester.			133	1		100					20	843	100
		Bloomery, V.			21				14				4		
		North River, V.			18										
		Concord, V.			5				10						
		Back Creek, V.			10										
		Smithfield, V.			25				3						
		Bunker Hill, V.			10				3						
		Winston, V.			5										
—32.															
James G. Hamner, D. D., W. C. Baltimore, Md.	W. Va. Martinsburg, P. E.	W. Va. Martinsburg, P. E.	2	1	80			65	50				10	473	
David H. Riddle, D. D., P. E. Martinsburg.	Green Spring Depot, "	Mount Bethel, P. E.			28			40	10	5	5		5	20	10
Moses Raymond, P.	Hedgesville, "	Falling Water, P. E.	4	1	112	6			28	5			13	20	
Lewis F. Wilson, P.		Tuscarora, S. S.											6		
Silas Billings, P.	Duffield's Depot, "	Elk Branch, P. E.			89				31				10	200	
Robert T. Berry, S. S.	Alexandria, "	Front Royal, S. S.			45				20		10			238	
Warren B. Dutton, D. D., S. S.	Harper's Ferry, "	Harper's Ferry, S. S.			20				5						
Nathaniel G. North, W. C.	Charlestown, "														
Edward Martin, S. S.	New Creek, "	Mount Hope, S. S.			8				7						
James R. Graham, P.	Winchester, "	Piedmont, S. S.	10	1	27	2			22				3	525	100
Charles White, P.	Berryville, "	Kent St., Winchester, P.		2	136			125	57		20	35	15	600	100
		Berryville, P.	1	5	37				23	10	15	6		260	5
		White Post, S. S.			10								8	75	
John Johnston, P. E.	Luncy's Creek, W. Va.	Mount Zion, P. E.			80		3		11					300	60
Malcom W. Woodruff, S. S.	Burlington, "	Patterson's Creek, S. S.	2		45		1		66			6		270	
George William White, P.	Moorefield, "	Moorefield, P.	3	2	148			75	102			30	20	594	
William A. Crawford, S. S.	Winchester, "	Oxonon, S. S.			17			70	41			22		133	
John M. Clymer,	Woodstock, "	Woodstock.	4	3	90	2		50	20				10	160	40
		Strasburg.	7	2	30	2		50	15				5	50	30
		Cedar Creek.	2		20				10					100	
E. W. Bedinger, P.	Shepherdstown, W. Va.	Shepherdstown, P.	9	2	104	3		60	133			17		350	
A. C. Hopkins, P.	Charlestown, "	Gerrardstown, S. S.			140			60	34				10	50	
George L. Loyburn, P.	Winchester, "	Charlestown, P.	2	1	179			108	100		50	20	20	949	
		London St., Winchester.			133	1		100					20	843	100
		Bloomery, V.			21				14				4		
		North River, V.			18										
		Concord, V.			5				10						
		Back Creek, V.			10										
		Smithfield, V.			25				3						
		Bunker Hill, V.			10				3						
		Winston, V.			5										

Licentiate—5.

John M. Harris,
C. Newton Campbell,
William Johnston,
Henry Hardie,
George W. Finley,

GENERAL VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURING THE SIX MONTHS ENDING APRIL 1, 1868,

ACCORDING TO THE FOREGOING PRESBYTERIAL REPORTS.

Synods in connection with the General Assembly,	- - -	10
Presbyteries,	- - - - -	48
Ministers,	- - - - -	786
Licentiates,	- - - - -	51
Candidates,	- - - - -	92
Churches,	- - - - -	1,298
Licensures,	- - - - -	13
Ordinations,	- - - - -	6
Installations,	- - - - -	21
Pastoral relations dissolved,	- - - - -	16
Churches organised,	- - - - -	10
Churches dissolved,	- - - - -	6
Members added on examination,	- - - - -	2,857
Members added on certificate,	- - - - -	1,411
Total number of communicants,	- - - - -	76,949
Adults baptized,	- - - - -	765
Children baptized,	- - - - -	1,695
Children in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes,	- - - - -	33,714
Amount contributed to Sustentation,	- - - - -	\$23,087
Amount contributed to Foreign Missions,	- - - - -	5,494
Amount contributed to Publication,	- - - - -	12,260
Amount contributed to Education,	- - - - -	8,277
Amount contributed for Presbyterial purposes,	- - - - -	7,420
Amount contributed for Congregational purposes,	- - - - -	333,685
Amount contributed for Miscellaneous purposes,	- - - - -	28,828
Whole amount contributed,	- - - - -	419,051

The following Ministers have died during the last six months, according to the Presbyterial reports:

NAMES.	PRESBYTERIES.
C. C. Newman,	East Alabama.
P. J. Sparrow, D. D.,	South Alabama.
Ebenezer Hotchkin,	Indian.
R. T. Marks,	Atlanta.
Hugh Wilson,	Central Texas.
George C. Moore,	Western Texas.

JOSEPH R. WILSON,
Stated Clerk of the Assembly.

MODERATORS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FROM 1861 TO 1868.

- 1861. Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D.
- 1862. Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D.
- 1863. Rev. James A. Lyon, D. D.
- 1864. Rev. John S. Wilson, D. D.
- 1865. Rev. George Howe, D. D.
- 1866. Rev. A. H. Kerr, D. D.
- 1867. Rev. T. V. Moore, D. D.
- 1868. Rev. John N. Waddel, D. D.

STATED CLERKS FROM 1861 TO 1868.

- 1861. Rev. John N. Waddel, D. D.
- 1865. Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.

PERMANENT CLERKS FROM 1861 TO 1868.

- 1861. Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.
- 1865. Rev. William Brown, D. D.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES

ARE EARNESTLY REQUESTED

1. To make their Annual Reports to the Assembly. If they have no printed blanks, let the reports be made after the form on the page opposite. Blanks can always be obtained on application to the Executive Committee of Publication.

2. To make their Reports in fair, distinct writing, especially the columns of figures.

3. To make them as accurate and full as possible. If, in any instance, churches do not report to Presbyteries, it is desirable that their number of communicants should be inserted from their last report.

4. To report *no cents* in the money columns.

5. To *add up* each column of figures with care. Many still neglect this, and thus oblige the Clerk of the Assembly to do what they should do themselves.

6. To append to the statistics of Presbyteries a brief account of the changes which have occurred during the year, such as the *number* of licensures, ordinations, installations, dismissions of pastors, organisation of new churches, and the names of ministers deceased.

7. To transmit their reports to the Stated Clerk, either at the meeting of the Assembly, or at Augusta, Ga., *not later than the 20th day of May*.

Blank forms for *Sessional Reports*, or for any other purpose, are not furnished by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, but are kept *for sale* by the Executive Committee of Publication, by order of the Assembly of 1867.

TO THE STATED CLERKS OF SYNODS.

It is the duty of these officers to send up to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly an Annual Report, stating the number of Presbyteries, Ministers, Churches, Licentiates, and Candidates, within their bounds; and particularly all changes which have been made in the arrangement of Presbyteries. It is also their duty to transmit to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly a notice of the time and place of meetings of their respective Synods. Should these duties be faithfully performed, it will hereafter be possible to publish in the Minutes a "General View of Synods," which it is highly important to preserve from year to year as a part of the history of the Church.

FORM OF PRESBYTERIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Presbytery of _____ report to the General Assembly that they consist of _____ Ministers, and have under their care _____ Churches, Licentiates, and Candidates, viz.:

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES, AND CANDIDATES.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Communicants/Baptized.				Funds Collected.								
			Adults.	Infants.	No. of Children in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes.	Sustentation.	Foreign Mis- sions.	Education.	Publication.	Presbyterial.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.			
A— B—, P. &c.		C—, P.													
D— E—, &c. Candidates—5.															

Add up,
omitting cents.

Follow the above with a statement of licenses, ordinations, installations, pastoral relations dissolved, churches organized or dissolved, or received or dismissed to other denominations. and ministers received or dismissed to other denominations, or removed by death, since last Report.

Dated, _____ Signed, _____

Give the names of licentiate, but only the number of candidates, without name. It is earnestly requested that the above order of columns may be strictly followed, and that the columns may be all carefully added up. To ministers who are pastors, annex *P.*; to stated supplies, *S. S.*; to Domestic Missionaries, *D. M.*; to Foreign Missionaries, *F. M.*; to Presidents of Colleges, *Pres.*; to Professors in Colleges or Theological Seminaries, *Prof.*; to Agents, *Ag.* To congregations which have pastors, annex *P.*; to those which have stated supplies, *S. S.*; and to those which are vacant, *V.*

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES

EMBRACED IN THE PRECEDING STATISTICAL TABLES.

NOTE.—The Post office addresses in this list, in some cases, differ from those given in the Tables, the list having been prepared to correspond with recent changes. The figures denote the page of the tables on which the name may be found.

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The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States met, according to appointment, in the Government Street Presbyterian Church, in the city of Mobile, Alabama, on Thursday, the 20th of May, 1869, at 11 o'clock, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. J. N. Waddel, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, on the Song of Solomon, 6th chapter, 10th verse: "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?"

After the sermon, the Assembly was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Stated Clerk reported that authentic information had been received of the organisation of the Presbytery of Central Ohio in connexion with the Synod of Kentucky; of the organisation of the Presbytery of Wilmington in connexion with the Synod of North Carolina; also of the union of the Presbyteries of Rappahannock and Patapsco, in the Synod of Virginia, under the name of the Presbytery of Chesapeake. Also, that the Committee on Commissions have enrolled commissioners from the Presbyteries of the Synod of Kentucky, in accordance with the order of the Assembly of 1867.

The Permanent Clerk from the Committee on Commissions reported that the following commissioners had appeared and been regularly enrolled as members of this General Assembly:

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6. <i>Ouachita,</i>	David Kerr,	James H. Johnston.

III.—SYNOD OF GEORGIA.

7. <i>Atlanta,</i>	Henry Quigg,	J. C. Whitner.
8. <i>Augusta,</i>	G. H. Cartledge,	N. B. White.
9. <i>Cherokee,</i>	J. L. Rogers.	Robert S. Sayre.

PRESBYTERIES.

10. *Florida*,
11. *Macon*,
12. *Savannah*,

MINISTERS.

- T. L. DeVeaux,
S. S. Gaillard,
N. P. Quarterman,

RULING ELDERS.

- Joseph M. Hull.
J. J. Gresham.
Joseph T. Steele.

IV.—SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.

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| 13. <i>Central Ohio</i> , | Robert Morrison, | William Killen. |
| 14. <i>Ebenezer</i> , | B. M. Hobson, | R. S. Evans. |
| 15. <i>Louisville</i> , | S. Robinson, D. D., | Samuel Casseday. |
| 16. <i>Muhlenburg</i> , | R. K. Smoot, | David Banks. (2)* |
| 17. <i>Paducah</i> , | W. H. Thompson, | D. H. Hughes. (2) |
| 18. <i>Transylvania</i> , | J. V. Logan, | W. K. Denny. |
| 19. <i>West Lexington</i> , | J. D. Matthews, D. D., | Glass Marshall. |

V.—SYNOD OF MEMPHIS.

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| 20. <i>Chickasaw</i> , | J. N. Waddel, D. D., | Joseph Wiley. |
| 21. <i>Memphis</i> , | S. S. Gill, | J. H. McClellan. |
| 22. <i>North Mississippi</i> , | H. H. Paine, | A. G. Buford. (2) |
| 23. <i>Western District</i> , | W. J. Anderson. | |

VI.—SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

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| 24. <i>Central Mississippi</i> , | J. McCampbell, | J. F. Chester. |
| 25. <i>Louisiana</i> , | A. G. Payne, | Samuel P. Greves. |
| 26. <i>Mississippi</i> , | M. W. Trawick, | A. F. Hardie. |
| 27. <i>New Orleans</i> , | R. S. McAllister, | E. S. Keep. |
| 28. <i>Red River</i> , | J. E. Bright, D. D., | A. Conway. |
| 29. <i>Tombeckbee</i> , | Joseph Bardwell, | John M. Ware. |

VII.—SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.

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| 30. <i>Holston</i> , | G. A. Caldwell, | W. B. Robinson. |
| 31. <i>Knoxville</i> , | Henry Brown, | James W. Cliff. |
| 32. <i>Nashville</i> , | J. W. Neil, | John W. Burton. |
| 33. <i>North Alabama</i> , | S. W. Mitchell. | |

VIII.—SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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| 34. <i>Concord</i> , | G. W. McPhail, D. D., | James Harper. |
| | John Douglas, | |
| 35. <i>Fayetteville</i> , | David Fairley. | |
| 36. <i>Orange</i> , | L. C. Vass, | Thomas Webb. |
| 37. <i>Wilmington</i> , | Colin Shaw, | Neill Graham. |

IX.—SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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| 38. <i>Bethel</i> , | W. W. Carothers, | J. A. Reedy. (2) |
| 39. <i>Charleston</i> , | J. L. Girardeau, D. D., | A. Crawford. |
| 40. <i>Harmony</i> , | G. R. Brackett, | A. M. Kennedy. |
| | J. L. Bartlett. | |
| 41. <i>South Carolina</i> , | W. F. Pearson, | T. A. Evins. |
| | John McLees, | J. M. Baxter. |

X.—SYNOD OF TEXAS.

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| 42. <i>Brazos</i> , | J. R. Hutchison, D. D., | James Sorley. |
| 43. <i>Central Texas</i> , | A. J. Loughridge, | R. H. Orr. |
| 44. <i>Eastern Texas</i> , | A. P. Silliman. | |
| 45. <i>Western Texas</i> , | J. D. Porter. | |

* The figures appended to the names indicate on what day of the sessions the commissioners first appeared.

XI.—SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.
46. <i>Abingdon</i> ,	A. L. Hogshead,	A. C. Maxwell.
47. <i>Chesapeake</i> ,	J. T. Leftwich,	George D. Gray. (2)
48. <i>East Hanover</i> ,	A. Converse, D. D.,	Robert Shore.
49. <i>Greenbrier</i> ,	B. B. Blair,	
50. <i>Lexington</i> ,	J. R. Bowman,	J. Brooks.
	W. T. Richardson,	Daniel Brown.
51. <i>Montgomery</i> ,	Andrew Hart,	J. J. Wade, (2)
52. <i>Roanoke</i> ,	Thomas Wharey,	W. W. Carrington.
53. <i>West Hanover</i> .	I. W. K. Handy, D. D.,	A. D. Dickinson. (2)
54. <i>Winchester</i> ,	Edward Martin, (2)	J. C. McCarty. (2)

FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CUMBERLAND
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. S. P. Chesnut.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of officers, when the Rev. Dr. Stuart Robinson, of the Presbytery of Louisville, was unanimously elected Moderator, and the Rev. Henry H. Paine, of the Presbytery of North Mississippi, Temporary Clerk.

It was ordered, that when the Assembly adjourns, it shall be to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock; that the session for business shall be from 9 o'clock a. m. till 12 m.; that half an hour shall then be spent in devotional exercises, and the session shall afterwards be continued till 8 o'clock p. m., at which hour the Assembly will adjourn.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING, May 21—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following Standing Committees were announced by the Moderator:

On Bills and Overtures—John N. Waddel, D. D., J. N. Lewis, W. K. Patterson, John C. Whitner, John D. Matthews, D. D., Joseph Bardwell, J. W. Neil, A. M. Kennedy, John L. Girardeau, D. D., Henry Quigg, J. J. Gresham, H. H. Paine, Joseph M. Hull.

Judicial Committee—A. Converse, D. D., J. R. Hutchison, D. D., Andrew Crawford, Colin Shaw, R. S. McAllister, N. B. White, H. W. Heath, A. C. Maxwell.

On Theological Seminaries—John Douglas, B. M. Hobson, Thomas L. DeVeaux, W. T. Richardson, R. S. Sayre, W. J. Anderson, John W. Burton, W. W. Carrington, Glass Marshall.

On Sustentation—G. Wilson McPhail, D. D., B. B. Blair, J. D. Porter, J. M. Baxter, L. C. Vass, Henry Brown, John McCampbell, Samuel Casse-day, G. H. Cartledge, Isaac J. Long, W. H. McAuley.

On Foreign Missions—Isaac W. K. Handy, D. D., N. P. Quarterman, James V. Logan, S. S. Gill, John M. Ware, G. A. Caldwell, Neill Graham, W. W. Carothers, R. H. Orr.

On Publication—John L. Girardeau, D. D., J. R. Bowman, A. J. Lough-

ridge, T. A. Evins, David Fairley, Samuel W. Mitchell, J. F. Chester, Joseph Wiley, Robert Morrison.

On Education—Andrew Hart, W. L. Kennedy, David Kerr, James L. Rogers, R. K. Smoot, J. H. McClellan, A. G. Payne, James W. Chff, J. L. Bartlett.

On Systematic Benevolence—G. R. Brackett, A. L. Hogshead, W. F. Pearson, James Harper, M. W. Trawick, Joseph T. Steele, W. K. Denny, Daniel Brown, R. S. Evans.

On Foreign Correspondence—G. A. Caldwell, John McLees, A. P. Silliman, Thomas Wharey, Samuel P. Greves, A. Conway, Robert Shore.

On the Narrative—J. T. Leftwich, W. T. Richardson, W. H. Thompson, Wm. Killen, M. C. Kinnard.

On Sabbath-Schools—J. E. Bright, D. D., W. C. Griffin, James H. Johnston, John C. Whitner, T. L. DeVeaux, G. H. Cartledge, Jonathan Brooks.

On Leave of Absence—S. S. Gaillard, Henry Quigg, E. S. Keep, James Sorley.

On Devotional Exercises—J. W. Neil, H. H. Paine, N. B. White, J. N. Lewis.

Auditing Committee—J. J. Gresham, Samuel Casseday, John W. Burton.

COMMITTEES ON SYNODICAL RECORDS.

Alabama—Colin Shaw and David Brown.

Arkansas—Thomas Wharey and A. F. Hardie.

Georgia—B. B. Blair and A. C. Maxwell.

Memphis—L. C. Vass and W. W. Carrington.

Mississippi—A. L. Hogshead and R. S. Evans.

Nashville—W. W. Carothers and Thomas Webb.

North Carolina—J. D. Porter and W. B. Robinson.

South Carolina—R. K. Smoot and W. K. Patterson.

Texas—J. L. Bartlett and Wm. Killen.

Virginia—T. L. DeVeaux and Glass Marshall.

An invitation from the Board of Trade of the city of Mobile to the free use of their reading room was received, and the courtesy was duly acknowledged by the Assembly.

It was made the order of the day for half-past 10 o'clock this morning, to hear the annual reports of the Executive Committees of Sustentation and of Publication; and on Saturday morning, at half-past 10 o'clock, to hear the annual reports of the Executive Committees of Foreign Missions and of Education.

Certain overtures, marked Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, were read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Annual reports from the Presbyteries were called for, and were referred to the proper committees.

The following additional commissioners were announced: John J. Wade, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Montgomery; A. G. Buford, ruling elder from the Presbytery of North Mississippi; D. H. Hughes, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Paducah; David Banks, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Muhlenburg; George Dabney Gray, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Chesapeake; A. D. Dickinson, ruling elder from the Presbytery of West Hanover; J. A. Reedy, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Bethel; Edward Martin, minister, and J. C. McCarty, ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Winchester.

It was ordered, that immediately after the devotional exercises of

to-day, the Assembly will hear reports from our delegates to bodies in correspondence with us, and receive reports from delegates of other bodies to us.

It was resolved, that a Standing Committee on Reports on Evangelistic Labors shall hereafter be appointed.

An invitation to an excursion down the bay in a steamer was received from Captain Foster, and was referred to Messrs. Quigg and Matthews to present the thanks of the Assembly for this courtesy, and to make known the necessity under which they are placed, for want of time, not to accept the proffered kindness.

A memorial from the Rev. Robert L. Dabney, D. D., on theological education, was presented and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminaries.

The order of the day having arrived, the annual report of the Executive Committee of Sustentation was read by the Assembly's Secretary, Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D.; which, together with certain amendments to the plan of the Assembly proposed by said Committee, was referred to the Standing Committee on Sustentation.

Dr. Wilson also presented a verbal statement concerning the action of the Old School General Assembly, (North,) and a correspondence he had held with the Secretary of its Committee on Freedmen, as to a coöperation between our churches in labors for the benefit of this class of people.

In connexion with this, the Rev. Dr. Girardeau obtained leave to present an overture from sundry persons bearing upon this subject; and the whole matter was referred to a special committee to be appointed by the Moderator, and to consist of one minister and one elder from each Synod.

Dr. Wilson obtained leave to present, on his own behalf, a memorial in regard to a plan of relief for the families of deceased ministers, which memorial was referred to a Committee to consist of one minister and one ruling elder from each Synod.

The report of the Treasurer of Sustentation was ordered to be presented to-morrow, in connexion with reports from the other Executive Committees.

The annual report from the Executive Committee of Publication was read by the Assembly's Secretary, Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D.; which, together with the report of the Treasurer and the Committee's book of records, was referred to the Standing Committee on Sustentation.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had received answers from some of the Presbyteries to the overture sent down from the last General Assembly in regard to striking out section 4 of chapter 10 of the Form of Government. This report was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. J. R. Bowman, D. Brown, and J. W. Burton.

After half an hour spent in devotional exercises, and then a short recess, the Assembly resumed its business.

The order of the day was taken up, when the Rev. S. P. Chesnut, the delegate from the Cumberland Presbyterian church, addressed the Assembly, bearing to it the Christian salutations of this sister Church, and presenting information as to the agencies used in its labors for the spread of the gospel.

To this address an appropriate response was given by the Moderator.

A letter was presented from the Synod of Kentucky, cordially renewing the invitation given last year for the Assembly to meet in Louisville, Ky.

The Assembly proceeded to fix the place and time of its next meeting. It was unanimously resolved that the next General Assembly shall meet in the Second Presbyterian church in the city of Louisville, on the third Thursday of May, 1870, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The reception of reports from theological seminaries was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Robert Morrison.

SATURDAY MORNING, May 22—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Henry Brown. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. The Moderator announced the following Special Committees:

On the memorials presented concerning the evangelization of the freedmen—

From the Synod of South Carolina—J. L. Girardeau, D. D., J. A. Reedy.

Alabama—J. N. Lewis, H. W. Heath.

Arkansas—I. J. Long, James H. Johnston.

Georgia—H. Quigg, J. J. Gresham.

Kentucky—John D. Matthews, D. D., D. H. Hughes.

Memphis—J. N. Waddel, D. D., A. G. Buford.

Mississippi—Joseph Bardwell, E. S. Keep.

Nashville—G. A. Caldwell, John W. Burton.

North Carolina—John Douglas, Thomas Webb.

Texas—J. R. Hutchison, D. D., R. H. Orr.

Virginia—W. T. Richardson, G. Dabney Gray.

On the memorial of Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., asking the adoption of a scheme of relief for the families of deceased ministers—

Synod of South Carolina—J. L. Bartlett, A. M. Kennedy.

Alabama—W. H. McAuley, W. C. Griffin.

Arkansas—D. Kerr, W. K. Patterson.

Georgia—James L. Rogers, John C. Whitner.

Kentucky—R. K. Smoot, Samuel Casseday.

Memphis—H. H. Paine, J. H. McClellan.

Mississippi—J. E. Bright, D. D., Samuel P. Greves.

Nashville—J. W. Neil, W. B. Robinson.

North Carolina—Colin Shaw, Neill Graham.

Texas—A. P. Silliman, James Sorley.

Virginia—Andrew Hart, A. D. Dickinson.

A memorial from the Presbytery of Florida, in regard to the property of the Presbyterian church at Jacksonville, was presented and read by Rev. T. L. DeVeaux ; which, together with other papers in his hands, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Reports from the Directors of Union Theological Seminary, and from the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, were presented and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminaries.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Memphis made a report, which, after discussion, was laid on the table.

The order of the day was taken up, and the annual report of the Executive Committee on Education was read by the Assembly's Secretary, the Rev. Dr. E. T. Baird. This report, together with the minutes of Committee, was referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The Treasurer's report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The annual report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions was read by the Assembly's Secretary, the Rev. Dr. J. L. Wilson ; which report, together with the minutes of the Committee, was referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions. The Treasurer's report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

An overture, (No. 10,) signed by a large number of ministers and elders, requesting the Assembly to take measures for completing the work of preparing a revision of our Form of Government and Book of Discipline, was presented, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The following statement from the Hon. T. C. Perrin, President of the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly, was presented, and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes for public information :

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States :

In the absence of a formal report, ordered by the Trustees as a body, the undersigned, considering it important that this corporation should be kept in view of the Church, asks the liberty of presenting to your respected body the following statement :

The Trustees, about a year ago, were organised into a legal body, with capacity to take and hold property for the uses and benefit of the said Church. They have procured a seal, which they think is neat and appropriate, and makes a pretty and perfect impression, as will be seen by those hereto attached. To Dr. Howe is due the credit of the design and execution of the seal.

Up to the present time, the Trustees have not been informed of any devise, bequest, or donation to them for permanent investment. This seeming neglect of the interests of the Church may be accounted for by reason of the pressing necessities of the different Committees to whom the works of the Church have been assigned, for the immediate expenditure of money.

It is hoped that your body will continue from year to year to publish in a conspicuous place, with your Minutes, the form of a devise or donation prescribed and communicated to the General Assembly at its last meeting.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS C. PERRIN.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 13, 1869.

The Committee on Finance presented a report, which was approved, and is as follows :

The Committee of Finance report, recommending the following assessments upon the Presbyteries for the year 1869, to meet the expenses of this Assembly; and that these assessments shall be continued for the year 1870.

The following Presbyteries shall be assessed \$25 each :

East Alabama, South Alabama, Augusta, Memphis, New Orleans, Nashville, Concord, Orange, Bethel, Harmony, South Carolina, East Hanover, Lexington, Montgomery, Chesapeake, Louisville, and Fayetteville.

The following Presbyteries shall be assessed \$20 each :

Tuskaloosa, Atlanta, Chickasaw, North Mississippi, Western District, Central Mississippi, Mississippi, Charleston, Wilmington, Abingdon, Greenbrier, Roanoke, West Hanover, Winchester, Macon, West Lexington, Ebenezer, North Alabama, Transylvania, and Tombeckbee.

The following Presbyteries shall be assessed \$10 each :

Arkansas, Ouachita, Muhlenburg, Cherokee, Florida, Savannah, Louisiana, Red River, and Holston.

The following Presbyteries shall be assessed \$5 each :

Central Texas, Eastern Texas, Western Texas, Indian, Knoxville, Brazos, Central Ohio, and Paducah.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

Overture No. 1, from certain brethren in Tennessee—Messrs. A. Enloe, Jacob Gillespie, and A. A. Greer—presenting the following question, viz., “Can a call for a pastor be considered regular by a Presbytery which does not pledge the congregations calling to provide an adequate support for the pastor?”

The Committee recommend the following answer: That such calls as the overture contemplates are not strictly regular; but that in cases in which churches are not able to pledge the competent support of pastors, the expediency of constituting the pastoral relation should be left to the judgment of Presbyteries.

Also, Overture No. 5, which is as follows: “Is it contrary to our standards for one of our ministers to remain the permanent supply of a church of another denomination—for example, a Congregational church?”

The Committee recommend that the Assembly answer this overture in the affirmative.

Also, Overture No. 9, from the Presbytery of Charleston, which is in these words: “Is it an infraction of our standards for one of our ministers to baptize the infant child of a parent, or the ward of a guardian standing *in loco parentis*, who has not professed personal faith in Christ, but who was baptized in infancy?”

The Committee recommend that the overture be answered in the affirmative, and that the Assembly would refer the Presbytery to the following portions of our standards as reasons for this answer: First, section iv. of chapter xxviii. of the Confession of Faith; secondly, the answer to the 166th Question of our Larger Catechism; thirdly, the answer to the 95th Question of our Shorter Catechism.

After devotional exercises, the Assembly resumed its business. It was resolved, that it be the order of the day to hear reports from the Standing Committees as follows: From the Committee on Foreign Missions, on Monday night; from the Committee on Education, on Tuesday night; from the Committee on Sustentation, on Wednesday night; and from the Committee on Publication, on Thursday night.

The report of the Committee on the records of the Synod of

Memphis was taken from the table; and after further discussion, was amended by striking out the first exception proposed, and was then adopted; and the records of said Synod were approved, except that the narrative of the state of religion is not spread upon the records.

The Committee on the overture sent down by the last General Assembly presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to which were referred the answers of the Presbyteries to the question whether or not chapter x., section iv., Form of Government, shall be stricken out, respectfully report:

1. Responses have been received from ten Presbyteries.
2. In favor of striking out, the Presbytery of Knoxville, Presbytery of Arkansas, Presbytery of Nashville, Presbytery of Orange, Presbytery of Chickasaw, Presbytery of Lexington—six in number.
3. In favor of not striking out, Presbytery of Brazos, Presbytery of Concord, Presbytery of Savannah—three in number.
4. In favor of indefinitely postponing the consideration of the matter, one Presbytery, viz., the Presbytery of Bethel.
5. It appears, therefore, that of the votes cast, those in the affirmative were to those in the negative as six to three.
6. Whilst this is not a decision of the question, owing to the neglect of the Presbyteries to reply, nevertheless this result is so strongly indicative of the sense of the Church on the matter, that your Committee recommend that the question be again submitted to those Presbyteries which have so culpably failed to respond, and that they be enjoined to send their reply to the next General Assembly.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report, containing appointments for the ensuing Sabbath, which report was approved.

The Assembly adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. John Douglas.

MONDAY MORNING, May 24—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. L. Bartlett.

The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following Committee on Evangelistic Labor: H. Brown, B. M. Hobson, T. L. DeVeaux, Thomas Wharey, Joseph M. Hull, D. Banks, A. G. Buford.

A resolution on the subject of church music was offered by the Rev. H. H. Paine, which, after some discussion, was laid on the table.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported on Overture No. 10. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, in answer to Overture No. 10, being a memorial from certain of our ministers and ruling elders, asking the attention of the Assembly to "the importance of prosecuting and completing the work of revising our Form of Government and Discipline," recommend to the Assembly that the request of the memorialists be granted, and that a special Committee be at once appointed to carry out the ends contemplated, to wit, to revise the Book of Order and Canons of Discipline in the light of

objections and suggestions sent up by the Presbyteries to the Assembly of 1867, and report the result to *this Assembly*, so that, if approved, the Assembly may send down the revised book to the Presbyteries, with a request that they express their assent to such portions thereof as may meet their approval, and send up also to the *next Assembly* objections to any portions they may disapprove of, and with a request that the portions disapproved of be revised *by that Assembly*, and sent down for the action of Presbyteries, with a view to final action by *the Assembly of 1871*.

Also, on Overture No. 3, from the Presbytery of South Carolina, in reference to the same subject embraced in Overture No. 10, the Committee recommend that it be disposed of in the same way.

It was resolved, that a Committee of Three be appointed, of which the Moderator shall be the chairman, who shall call to their aid any members of the old Committee on the revision of the Form of Government and Book of Discipline who may be present, and also the Stated and Permanent Clerks of the Assembly, whose duty it shall be to act in accordance with the answer given above to Overtures No. 10 and 3.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported on Overture No. 8. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee, in answer to the Overture No. 8, from Presbytery of Nashville, in reference to requiring every licentiate to spend two years in itinerant missionary labor before settlement, would recommend the Assembly to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, 1. That while the Assembly believes that the employment of competent evangelists is the most effectual means of supplying the destitutions in our bounds, yet, in view of the fact that so few of that class can now be secured, it recommends to Presbyteries to throw their licentiates, as far as practicable, into the destitute fields around them.

Also, an answer to Overture No. 2, which was adopted, and is as follows:

In answer to Overture No. 2, from the Presbytery of Central Texas, requesting the Assembly to "consider the propriety of having the Form of Government and Discipline, Rules of Order, and the Catechism, bound up with the new Hymn Book," the Committee recommend that the Assembly call the attention of the Presbytery to the fact that the Executive Committee of Publication have already attended to that matter.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Sabbath-Schools respectfully report to the General Assembly that they have received information from the Presbyteries of Greenbrier, Chesapeake, Lexington, Central Texas, Nashville, Florida, East Alabama, Montgomery, New Orleans, Roanoke, Savannah, Ouachita, Knoxville, South Carolina, West Hanover, Brazos, Central Ohio, and North Alabama—leaving thirty-six Presbyteries from which no information has been received. The cause of this great neglect of so important a duty the Committee is unable to explain; unless it be from the neglect of stated clerks to forward the reports of their Presbyteries. It is hardly presumable that 36 out of 54 Presbyteries would totally neglect a duty so vitally connected with the prosperity of their churches.

Even among those reports which came before the Committee, only a few contained a specification of items, being mostly expressed in general terms, affording but little information.

The aggregate number of pupils in the 18 reported Presbyteries is about 8,000; only one or two making any statement at all concerning number of teachers, amount of moneys raised and to what applied.

The Nashville Presbytery, however, has reported 1,850 scholars, 226 teachers and contributions during the year to the amount of \$1,464.44, setting a noble example in systematic benevolence.

In view of these facts as it regards the meagreness of reports from the different Presbyteries, the Committee recommend that stated clerks of Presbyteries be enjoined to send up to the Assembly as full and as definite reports as possible concerning all the Sabbath-schools under the care of their churches.

The items to be reported are recommended to be the number of schools, teachers, scholars, the amount of contributions and for what purpose, the number added to the Church from the Sabbath-schools, and their plans of working.

According to a suggestion found in the report from the Nashville Presbytery, the Committee would recommend that the Sabbath-school year be considered as closing on the last Sabbath in March, thus affording time for the church sessions to send to the spring meetings of Presbyteries a full and definite statement of what has been done during the year.

In conclusion the Committee would say, that in their judgment, the Sabbath-schools under the immediate control of our churches should receive the most prayerful attention, as it is from this great nursery of religion that our future membership and ministry must be derived.

The Committee would recommend that our church members, everywhere, should organize Sabbath-schools, if practicable; send for the books of our publication, and adopt some systematic mode of benevolence by which our children could be early trained in the noble grace of giving.

The following report was received, and, after a full discussion, was unanimously adopted:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the statement of the Secretary of Sustentation relating to the subject of a proposed co-operation of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America with the General Assembly of our Church in labors among the freedmen, would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That, inasmuch as the correspondence of the Secretary of the Committee on Freedmen of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America with the Secretary of Sustentation of our Church has developed no practicable mode of co-operation between the two Churches in efforts to evangelize the Freedmen, this General Assembly is not prepared to take any steps contemplating the proposed concert of action.

Resolved, 2. That the Secretary of Sustentation is hereby instructed to communicate the foregoing resolution to the Committee on Freedmen of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

A report was received from the Committee appointed last year concerning certain powers of church sessions and the Board of Deacons. This report, with accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Form of Government.

After some time spent in devotional exercises, the Assembly resumed its business.

Upon the reports of the committees appointed, the records of the Synods of Alabama and Nashville were approved.

The records of the Synod of Arkansas were approved, except that the narrative of the state of religion does not appear on the records, and that there is no evidence that the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The records of the Synod of Virginia were approved, except that the narrative of the state of religion does not appear on the records.

The records of the Synod of Mississippi were approved, except that on page 16 the Synod ordered the Presbytery of Tombeckbee to hold a meeting during the sessions of the Synod, without specifying the business the Presbytery was called to transact.

Overture No. 11 was presented and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence respectfully submit the following report:

Reports have been received from thirty Presbyteries, viz.: Lexington, Montgomery, West Hanover, Greenbrier, Winchester, Roanoke, Chesapeake, Concord, Fayetteville, Orange, Bethel, Charleston, South Carolina, Savannah, Nashville, Memphis, East Alabama, Ouachita, North Mississippi, Tuscaloosa, Western District, East Hanover, Florida, Arkansas, New Orleans, Brazos, Central Texas, North Alabama, Central Ohio, and Tombeckbee.

Lexington reports that twenty-eight of its churches have contributed to Sustentation \$2,144; twenty-one to Foreign Missions \$1,491; twenty-four to Education \$1,153; fifteen to Publication \$321—total, \$6,189.

Montgomery reports that of its twenty-five churches, fifteen have contributed to Sustentation; twelve to Foreign Missions; fourteen to Education; nine to Publication. Eight churches failed to report any contributions, five of which are vacant. Total amount of collections \$2,434. Average per member \$1.43; showing an increase of about 20 over the average of the same churches reporting last year.

West Hanover reports that of the twenty-three churches on its roll, thirteen have contributed to all of the four objects of benevolence, Sustentation, Foreign Missions, Education, and Publication; three to three; four to two. Three make no report.

Greenbrier reports that of its twenty-four churches, seventeen have taken collections for Sustentation, Foreign Missions, Education, and Publication; nineteen for Foreign Missions, Education, and Publication; twenty to Sustentation.

Winchester reports that of the thirty-two churches under its care, twenty-nine have contributed to Sustentation \$1,250; fourteen to Foreign Missions \$305; thirteen to Education \$766; ten to Publication \$211. Total \$2,535, a decided improvement on last report.

Roanoke reports that of its thirty churches, twenty-four have contributed to Sustentation \$467; eighteen to Foreign Missions \$273; twenty to Education \$197; sixteen to Publication \$150. Total \$1,081.

Chesapeake reports that of its twenty-one churches, fifteen have contributed to Sustentation \$3,724; seven to Foreign Missions \$922; twelve to Education \$2,520; nine to Publication \$630. Total, \$7,796.

Concord reports that forty-seven churches have contributed to Sustentation \$2,006.24; thirty-five to Foreign Missions \$872.24; thirty-seven to Education \$1,103.48; thirty-two to Publication \$450.97. Total \$4,933.43. Contributions to Foreign Missions and Education nearly double. Twenty-two have introduced the plan of weekly collections; others are about to adopt it.

Fayetteville reports that twenty-seven churches have contributed to Foreign Missions, twenty-five to Education, twenty-three to Publication, and seven to the fund for the support of disabled ministers. Total, \$1,326.50.

Orange reports that of its fifty-one churches, seven have a mere nominal existence, twenty-nine have taken collections for Sustentation \$613; nineteen to Foreign Missions \$302; twenty to Education \$924; sixteen to Publication 157. Total, \$1,996.

Sixteen have contributed to all the Committees, two to three, one to two, six to one, four to none.

Bethel reports that while some plan has been adopted to carry out the directions of the General Assembly, but few of the churches have contributed to all the Assembly's Committees; some have contributed nothing to some of the Committees, and some have contributed nothing to any of the Committees. "Little or nothing" was the report last year.

Charleston reports that of its fourteen churches ten have contributed to Foreign Missions \$811.80; eleven to Sustentation \$1,756.32; nine to Education \$448.05; seven to Publication \$162.87. Total, \$3,179.04.

South Carolina reports that the plan of weekly collections is almost universally adopted, and with encouraging success.

Savannah reports that of its sixteen churches twelve have contributed to Sustentation \$395; nine to Foreign Missions \$171; eleven to Education \$190, eight to publication \$63. Total, \$819. The women of the churches are reported as working in aid of the Assembly's Committees with promising success.

Nashville reports that efforts have been made to bring their churches up to the standard of the Assembly.

Memphis reports that of its twenty-eight churches twenty-two have contributed to Sustentation \$672; nineteen to Foreign Missions \$473; twenty-four to Education \$1,315; sixteen to Publication \$430. Total, \$2,890. Average per member \$1.66.

East Alabama reports that the plan of weekly contributions is being gradually adopted, and that the Presbytery, both in its stated sessions and through the Committee of Domestic Missions, have used earnest efforts to secure a greater degree of faithfulness and efficiency in the cause of Systematic Benevolence.

Onachita reports that the system of weekly collections is generally adopted, and with increasing success.

Florida reports that of its twenty-three churches eleven have contributed to Sustentation \$192; eight to Foreign Missions \$107; three to Education \$38; four to Publication.

Arkansas reports that of its twenty-three churches seventeen have contributed to Sustentation \$647; eleven to Foreign Missions \$496; twelve to Education \$494; eleven to Publication \$176. Total, \$1,223.

New Orleans reports a general conformity to the plan recommended by the General Assembly.

Brazos reports that of its twenty churches ten have taken collections for Sustentation; five for Foreign Missions; seven for Education; eight for Publication. Total, \$1,774.

Central Texas reports that of its sixteen churches ten have contributed to Sustentation \$165; three to Foreign Missions \$34; four to Education \$53; four to Publication \$33. Total, \$285.

North Alabama reports that \$256.25 have been collected for Sustentation; \$154.15 for Foreign Missions; \$1,058.85 for Education; \$117.95 for Publication. Total, \$1,587.20.

Central Ohio reports that its five churches have commenced a regular system of contributions; and one church has adopted the weekly plan.

Tombeckbee reports that the cause of Systematic Benevolence is being prosecuted with increasing and encouraging success.

North Mississippi reports that of its twenty-three churches, fourteen have contributed to Sustentation \$233; ten to Foreign Missions \$170; ten to Education \$234; six to Publication \$41. Total, \$678. The amount for Sustentation and Foreign Missions over last year has been doubled; for Education and Publication quadrupled.

Tuscaloosa reports that seventeen churches have contributed to Sustentation \$371; nine to Foreign Missions \$252; sixteen to Education \$577; eight to Publication \$85. Total, \$1,285.

Six churches have adopted the plan of weekly collections.

Western District reports that of its twenty-four churches six have contributed to Sustentation \$177; two to Foreign Missions \$62; six to Education \$187; six to Publication \$81. Total, \$507.

East Hanover reports that of its twenty-four churches, thirteen take weekly collections, and others reporting take regular monthly or quarterly collections.

Twelve have contributed to the four Committees; one to three; five to two; one to one. Five churches are without a minister, and several almost extinct.

From these reports it appears that less than one-half of our Presbyteries have made any report. One of two things is certain: either these Presbyteries had no reports to make, or they have failed, from some cause, to send them up to the Assembly. While it is known that some Presbyteries have neglected to forward their reports, yet, in the judgment of your Committee, the great majority of them have neglected the matter of collections almost altogether.

Notwithstanding this delinquency, however, there has been an encouraging increase of the number of churches adopting the Assembly's scheme and in the amounts they have contributed, a punctual and regular operation of the system must necessarily be the result of an educational process, and in the case of many churches, of slow development. It cannot be expected that anything can be accomplished by the mere force of recommendations, resolutions, or authoritative injunction, but by patient, persevering and persistent prosecution of the proposed plan by our Presbyteries and Sessions, to bring the churches gradually up to the apostolic standard.

A letter was received from the delegate of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Adjourned to meet this evening at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. J. Bardwell.

MONDAY EVENING—8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions presented a report, which, after addresses on the subject, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions would call the attention of the Assembly to the following considerations, suggested by a careful examination of the report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, which has been placed in their hands, viz.:

1. The earnest diligence of the Committee, and its remarkable efficiency under all the embarrassments of the great work committed to its charge.
2. The encouraging fact that during the past year the way has been made clear for the appointment of so many valuable helpers in the cause of Foreign Missions.
3. The urgent necessity of increased energy on the part of all our churches in securing the full amount of funds required for the support and encouragement of the missionaries who have already been or are yet to be appointed.
4. The apparent apathy of many of the churches in regard to the missionary work, illustrated more particularly by their delinquency in regard to oblations for the cause.

In view of these items, the Standing Committee would propose the following resolutions for the adoption of the Assembly, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That the General Assembly hereby express its cordial approbation of the work done by the Executive Committee, and that it do now reappoint the following persons, severally, with the substitution of one name

to supply a vacancy, viz.: Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., Secretary; Rev. Prof. James Woodrow, Treasurer; Rev. Drs. George Howe, J. B. Adger, Joseph B. Wilson, A. W. Miller, J. L. Girardeau, Rev. W. E. Boggs, Gen. F. W. McMaster, Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, and General E. P. Alexander.

2. That it be enjoined upon all our ministers to preach, as it may be suitably and conveniently done, at least one sermon during the current year on the subject of Foreign Missions; and that it be recommended to the ministers and churches to be careful in the observance of the monthly concert, and that the subject of missions be more frequently brought to the attention of Sabbath-schools.

3. That it be recommended to the benevolent to make enlarged contributions to the cause of Foreign Missions; that delinquent churches be reminded of their shortcomings in regard to this work; and in addition to the regular annual collection appointed by the Assembly, it is suggested that collections be raised at the monthly concerts, and that the children of the Sabbath-schools be encouraged to come with their offerings in behalf of this cause.

Before closing the report, your Committee would call the attention of the Assembly to the claims of "*The Missionary*," published under the direction of the Committee of Foreign Missions, and would urge its increased circulation among our people.

The Assembly then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with singing the doxology and with the benediction by the Moderator.

TUESDAY MORNING, May 25, 1869—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. B. M. Hobson.

The Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Theological Seminaries report to the General Assembly, that they have received information from the report of the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary presented to the Assembly. Their numbers are gradually increasing, and their general outward prosperity presents a more encouraging aspect. The whole number of students in attendance during the past year was twenty-six, six of whom have now completed the prescribed course of study in the institution, and have been licensed by their respective Presbyteries, and have gone forth into the great field—the world—to preach the gospel of the blessed Son of God. From the same source, the Committee learn "the examination was highly satisfactory, showing alike the fidelity of the professors in their instructions and the diligence and proficiency of the students in their studies."

An addition of ninety-one volumes has been made to the library during the past year, which makes the whole number of volumes in the library to be, at present, 5,800.

Donations have been made by different friends of the Seminary for the purpose of erecting a library building. They are of such a liberal nature, that if not sufficient to complete the work, they will justify that steps be taken at once to undertake it. The Committee report that the finances of this Seminary may be regarded in a more stable and healthful condition, and its prospects brightening and every way more encouraging.

The Committee also learn from the reports of the Faculty, Board of Directors, and Treasurer of the Seminary at Columbia, S. C., that that institution is also increasing steadily in numbers, and its outward prospects becoming more prosperous and cheering.

During the past session, twenty-six students have been in attendance, eight of whom have graduated and entered upon their mission of preaching the gospel. From the report of the Board of Directors, we learn their examination was highly satisfactory, evincing with what fidelity the professors had performed their duties, and with what diligence and assiduity the students had improved their time. We have reason to believe the spirit of missions is on the increase in this institution.

The health, both of the professors and students, has generally been good—at least, such as to occasion very little interruption in the discharge of their daily duties. The religious character and deportment of the students have been consistent and exemplary. The institution is free from all incumbrance of debt, and the professors have been paid up in full to the 1st of April of this year. And arrangements have been made to have all the Seminary buildings put in complete repair (which can be done at a very slight expense) during the present vacation.

During the past year, 128 volumes have been presented to the library, through the liberality of an old friend of the institution, Jasper Cerring, Esq., of New York. This makes now the whole number of volumes to be 18,117.

The Committee have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Seminary, and from all the information they have thus obtained, would report them as accurate and correct. The minutes of the Faculty and Board of Directors have also been examined and found to be properly kept and correct.

In view of all these facts, the Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, 1. That we return our most hearty thanks to the Great Head of the Church, in that he has extended such a paternal care and supervision over the health and lives of the Faculty and students of our two seminaries as has enabled them, almost without an exception or interruption, to discharge their duties and prosecute their studies.

Resolved, 2. That we sincerely and devoutly acknowledge the great goodness of him who is the Father of all mercies, for imparting such life, fidelity, and success to these institutions; this not only as evinced by the numbers that have already been received and trained in these seminaries, but also for the still greater numbers we have reason to believe are now standing at their threshold, ready to enter in so soon as the Church shall extend her helping hand.

Resolved, 3. As the field is so wide, and the harvest ripe, and the laborers so few, we earnestly commend these seminaries to the prayers and liberal benefactions of all our churches, that God may not only bless them with a sanctified learning, but make them fountains whence shall annually flow out streams to gladden the city of our God.

The Committee recommend as Directors of the Seminary at Columbia, Rev. J. L. Wilson, D. D., Rev. J. R. Wilson, D. D., Rev. Wm. Banks, Rev. D. McQueen, Gen. J. Gillam, and Dr. J. W. Simpson, and for Treasurer, Henry Muller, Esq.; and the following persons to be elected Directors to fill vacancies occasioned by removals, viz., Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., of South Carolina, in place of Rev. A. F. Dickson, Rev. E. M. Green, of Georgia, in place of Rev. Wm. Flinn, Samuel E. Wilson, of South Carolina, in place of Prof. Joseph LeConte, J. W. Bones, of Georgia, in place of J. A. Ausley.

The Committee on Theological Seminaries would further report on the "Constitution and Plan" of the Union Seminary, which has been placed in our hands, and which is referred to in the report of the Directors as follows:

"The Directors and Trustees have found it necessary to revise the Constitution and Plan of the institution to bring it into harmony with the provisions of the act of incorporation granted by the Legislature of Virginia. This amended Constitution and Plan is herewith submitted for the approval of the General Assembly, and the Assembly is respectfully requested to approve the same at its meeting in 1869."

The Committee have had no means of ascertaining what alterations have been made in the Constitution by this contemplated change; and finding noth-

ing in it of which they disapprove, would recommend the approval of the "Constitution and Plan" by this Assembly.

The Committee have had under consideration the memorial of Dr. Dabney on theological education, and find therein many important suggestions on several features of this general subject. The respected author obviously contemplates radical changes in the process of theological education, embracing changes in the relations of the Theological Seminaries to the Assembly, changes in the methods of imparting instruction by the professors, in the recognition of grades of proficiency among the students by the faculty giving instruction, in the organisation and powers of the directory of the seminaries, and as to the subject of the natural sciences, instruction in which is imparted in one of our institutions. It will be seen at once that these topics, as they are treated by the memorialist, would constitute a necessity for remodelling the whole plan of our seminaries. As far as known to the Committee, these subjects have not been under general consideration in the Church, and their importance forbids at the session of the present Assembly that matured judgment which they deserve. The Committee, therefore, recommend that the memorial be referred to the Faculty and Directors of each seminary, and that they report to the next Assembly the results of their deliberations at their discretion.

A paper in regard to the worship of God in singing was offered by the Rev. Mr. Hogshead, which, together with the resolution offered yesterday by the Rev. Mr. Paine, was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Paine, Morrison, Dickinson, Baxter, and Hogshead.

Devotional exercises were held for half an hour.

The Committee on Revising the Form of Government and Book of Discipline made a report in part, the consideration of which was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The Standing Committee on Publication made their report, and its further consideration was made the order for to-night, instead of Thursday night.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to report that a communication has been placed in their hands from the Rev. John Miller, bearing the fraternal greetings of the "Associate Reformed Synod of the South."

The Committee recommend the appointment of Rev. G. W. Baggs as principal, and Rev. G. W. H. Petrie, D. D., alternate, to attend the meeting of that Synod near Selma, Ala., in September next.

The Committee also recommend the appointment of Rev. R. K. Smoot as principal, and Rev. H. H. Paine as alternate, to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in May, 1870.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of South Carolina made a report, and said records were approved, except that two judicial cases are mentioned as having been before the Synod, and one withdrawn, the other adjudicated before the body; yet there is nothing to show that the Moderator reminded the court that they were about to proceed to the trial of a judicial case.

The Standing Committee on Education reported, and the further consideration of this report was deferred till to-night.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Rev.

J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., made a report, which was placed upon the docket, and made the first order of the day for to-morrow, after the recess.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Georgia made a report, which was adopted, and the records were approved, except that on page 149 is recorded the report of a Committee, upon which it does not appear, from the records, that the Synod took any order; and on page 160 is apparent a similar omission; and that the narrative of the state of religion does not appear upon the records.

Mr. Sorley offered a resolution in reference to obtaining a new act of incorporation for the Trustees of the General Assembly, which was made the second special order of the day for to-morrow.

The Auditing Committee made a report in part, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Auditing Committee report, that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Assembly, and find that all the disbursements are sustained by proper vouchers and the accounts properly kept. We find the balance due to him from assessment fund is \$28.66, and a balance in his hands due Commissioners' fund of \$55.50.

The following report from the Committee on Bills and Overtures was adopted:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, in answer to Overture No. 7, from Bethel Presbytery, in reference to the propagation of the gospel in the Empire of Brazil, would recommend to the Assembly to refer the whole matter of the overture to the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions, instructing that Committee to investigate the subject, and authorising them to take such action in the case as in their discretion may be deemed proper.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock this evening. Closed with prayer by the Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D.

TUESDAY EVENING—8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. B. Blair.

After addresses delivered before the Assembly and the congregation present on the reports of the Standing Committees on Publication and Education, these reports were adopted.

The report on Publication is as follows:

The Standing Committee to whom was referred the annual report of the Executive Committee of Publication, present to the General Assembly the following report:

I. That the administration of the affairs of the Committee, by the Secretary and his associates, has been characterised by prudence and energy, and that we recommend no change in the policy pursued.

II. That the exhibit rendered by the Treasurer of Publication indicates the following healthful signs of progress and usefulness:

1. The cash receipts this year, from all sources, are largely in excess of those of the previous year.

2. The indebtedness of the Committee has been reduced from \$5,191.29 to \$1,009.85, being a diminution of \$4,121.44 during the present year.

3. The grants of books made this year and the amounts expended in colportage exceed those of the last three years combined, by the amount of \$351.89.

For all which evidences of prosperity our thanks are due to the great Head of the Church.

III. Your Committee recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. That the Committee of Publication be directed to use all diligence in effecting the extinction of the debt which still remains, and that the churches be urged to increase their contributions to this cause of publication, so that not only the indebtedness of the Committee may be discharged, but that the capital endowment of \$50,000 may be completed as soon as possible, whereby the Committee will be enabled more fully to meet the demands of the Church for a pure religious literature.

2. That the plan for colportage recommended in previous reports by this Committee, recommended also by the General Assembly of last year—which plan has been adopted by some of our Presbyteries—and which is again set forth in this report of the Executive Committee, be approved, and recommended to all the Presbyteries for adoption.

3. That the General Assembly instruct the Committee of Publication, in addition to the present edition of the Confession of Faith, with the proof references, to publish an edition, as soon as practicable, containing the proof texts in full.

4. That the Committee be directed to consider the practicability and expediency of preparing and publishing a book of tunes, adapted to the use of our Church, and report to the next General Assembly.

5. That the Committee be directed to publish the present annual report in pamphlet form, for distribution amongst the churches, together with such other statements concerning their operations as they may deem necessary for presenting the whole matter clearly.

Also, that they prepare a synopsis of the annual report to be appended to the Minutes of the Assembly.

6. That this Assembly appoint as its Executive Committee for the ensuing year: Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., Secretary; Charles Gennet, Esq., Treasurer; Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D., Rev. Wm. Brown, D. D., Rev. C. H. Read, D. D., Rev. E. H. Rutherford, Rev. T. L. Preston, William F. Taylor, Esq., J. M. Herndon, Esq., B. R. Wellford, Jr., Esq., and E. H. Fitzhugh, Esq.

The report on Education is as follows :

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Executive Committee on Ministerial Education, would submit the following report to the General Assembly, to wit :

Upon examining that report, we find that there is a deficiency in the Treasury of \$1,069 to meet the immediate demands made upon the Executive Committee; that there has been, during the last year, an unparalleled increase of candidates for the ministry; that one-half of the churches—mostly vacant churches—have done nothing for this cause; and that some of our Presbyteries have acted independently in this matter, and when pressed for want of means to sustain their candidates, some of these Presbyteries have called for aid from your Committee.

We therefore recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That it is a just cause of devout and heartfelt gratitude to God that he has, to a *gratifying extent*, supplied the Committee with the means necessary to prosecute their work.

2. That we urge upon our churches to consecrate themselves and their property more entirely to God, and to contribute more largely of their substance, not only to supply the present deficiency in the Treasury, but also to meet the increased demands made upon the Executive Committee by the unusual in-

crease of candidates for the ministry; and resolved further, on this point, that those churches which have contributed nothing to this cause during the last year are urged to take up a collection as soon as practicable.

3. That those Presbyteries which have acted independently are requested to co-operate with the Executive Committee; and it is recommended to that Committee to withhold their aid from Presbyteries which neglect to do so, until those Presbyteries which act in union with them have their wants supplied.

4. That in view of the increased number of those who are seeking the ministerial office, and the necessity of prudence and caution in this important matter, it is enjoined upon the Presbyteries to exercise great care, and to encourage none to go forward who do not give satisfactory evidence that they are moved by the Holy Spirit to seek the sacred office; and to this end, resolved further, that it is enjoined upon our Presbyteries to maintain and preserve a high standard of ministerial qualifications.

5. That the last Thursday in February next is hereby appointed as a day of prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the youth of our churches and of our institutions of learning, and for God's blessing upon this cause.

6. That it is hereby recommended to our Christian people to unite with this General Assembly in returning thanks to God for the manifestation of his presence among our young men, in leading so many of them to consecrate themselves to the ministry of the gospel.

7. Finally, that the following persons be, and are hereby, appointed the Executive Committee for the following year: Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., Secretary of Education; Chas. Gannet, Esq., Treasurer; Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D., Rev. Wm. Brown, D. D., Rev. C. H. Read, D. D., Rev. E. H. Rutherford, Rev. T. L. Preston, W. F. Taylor, Esq., J. M. Herndon, Esq., B. R. Wellford, Jr., Esq., and E. H. Fishugh, Esq.

The Assembly then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, May 26—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. L. C. Vass.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on the Revision of the Form of Government made a final report on this subject. The consideration of this report was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The Rev. Dr. Girardeau, from the Special Committee in regard to a plan of operations among the colored people, presented a report, which, after discussion and some amendment, was adopted. The report is as follows:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the overture of several ministers and ruling elders, asking the Assembly, in view of the great desirableness of such action, to adopt some definite plan of operation among the colored people, and to recommend the same to the Presbyteries and churches in connexion with it, would respectfully present the following report:

Our Church, through her General Assemblies, since the year 1866, has expressed her kindly feelings for the freed people and deprecated their alienation from her fold. The developments of providences, however, have not hitherto appeared to be sufficiently clear to warrant the adoption of any definite scheme of operations among them, designed to be uniform and general in its application. The time would seem to have arrived for pronouncing such a policy. Your Committee concur in the opinion of the petitioners, that it is

highly desirable that some such action be taken by the Assembly as is suggested by the overture. The want of a recognised and general plan is tending to the adoption of variant and incongruous lines of policy in different parts of our Church. The result will be, that our relations to the colored race and our schemes of labor among them will become needlessly complicated and confused.

The prominent view which has impressed itself on the minds of the Committee, and which they respectfully propose for the consideration of the Assembly, is, that the colored people who adhere to us be allowed a formative organisation, a sort of gradually maturing process, to be arrested at a certain point, until, under proper training, it is prepared to pass on towards completion. To be more explicit, what they need is, for the present, separate, particular churches, with their own deacons and elders, and at the same time instruction by an educated white ministry, until they can prove their ability to produce a competent ministry of their own. To combine these requirements into a practical scheme would, in the judgment of the Committee, go far towards solving the vexed problem of our relations to them and our operations among them. In this way, moreover, may alone be realised, if at all, the hope that from their number men may arise who would carry the gospel to their benighted kinsmen in Africa. In conformity to this leading idea, the Committee would, with great deference, submit to the Assembly the following plan for its consideration, and if the way be deemed clear, for its adoption:

1. That separate colored churches may be established, the same to be united with adjacent white churches under a common pastorate; to be allowed to elect deacons and ruling elders; and to be represented in the upper courts by the pastors in charge of them, and by the ruling elders of the white churches with which they would thus be associated, until they are sufficiently educated to warrant their becoming independent: *Provided*, That the colored people themselves do not oppose a change in their existing relations, and that they consent to the foregoing arrangement.

2. That where no white churches are accessible, evangelists may establish colored missionary churches, and preside over their sessions in admitting members and exercising discipline.

3. That churches in cities with which colored churches would, on this plan, be united, may secure, if practicable, two pastors each, in order to compass the work contemplated.

4. That a committee (say of two ministers and one ruling elder) may be appointed by each Synod, to carry, in co-operation with pastors and presbyterial evangelists, this scheme into effect, as far as practicable, in its bounds; one member of each committee to act as evangelist among the colored people, and to receive his support, in part, from the Assembly's Committee of Sustentation.

5. That suitable colored men may be employed to speak the word of exhortation to their people, under the direction of pastors or evangelists.

6. That when colored candidates for the ministry are able to stand the usual examination, Presbyteries may proceed to license them; and in the event of these licentiates being qualified and desired to take charge of colored churches, Presbyteries may either ordain and install them over such churches still holding their connexion with us, or ordain and install them over such churches, with the understanding that they shall thenceforward be ecclesiastically separated from us.

7. That such of our ministers as are willing to discharge that office are encouraged to assist trustworthy colored men who seek the gospel ministry, in their preparations for the same.

8. That our people be encouraged to give the colored people instruction in Sabbath-schools.

9. That the Assembly recommends the adoption of the foregoing plan of operations among the colored people to Synods, Presbyteries, and churches, so far as it is practicable.

After a season spent in devotional exercises, the Assembly resumed its business.

The order of the day, which was the consideration of the paper concerning a new charter, was taken up, when the resolution offered by Mr. Sorley was adopted, and is as follows:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by the General Assembly for the purpose of preparing and having enacted a new and comprehensive charter for this body, and that for this purpose they be empowered to employ competent legal counsel.

The Moderator announced the following Committee to act with the present Trustees of the General Assembly in procuring a new charter: A. D. Dickinson, J. J. Gresham, and E. T. Baird, D. D. This Committee was instructed to secure, if practicable, a provision in the said charter by which the Secretaries of Foreign Missions, Sustentation, Publication, and Education, shall be *ex officio* members of the Board of Trustees.

The following Trustees were elected to serve during the next three years, viz., Hon. Thomas C. Perrin, Abbeville, South Carolina; Joseph H. Wilson, Esq., Charlotte, North Carolina; Jesse H. Lindsay, Esq., Greensboro', North Carolina; Hon. James Hemphill, Chester, South Carolina; Rev. George Howe, D. D., Columbia, South Carolina.

The Standing Committee on Sustentation presented their report. The amendments proposed to the By-laws of the Executive Committee were adopted, and also the report in part. The further consideration of it was deferred till to-night.

It was adopted as a standing rule of the General Assembly, that its secretaries and clerks shall have the privilege of members of the body in deliberating upon any matters before it in which the duties of their offices are specially involved.

The report of the Committee concerning a "Relief Fund" was taken from the table, and after considerable discussion, was laid over for the present.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented the following report, which was adopted:

Overture No. 11, asking whether any number of ministers and elders from two Presbyteries alone can, under any circumstances, be regarded as a constitutional quorum for the transaction of synodical business. The Committee recommend that this question be answered in the negative.

Also, on Overture No. 6, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, to which was referred Overture No. 6, from Rev. Dr. Dabney, the substance of which is an earnest recommendation to the General Assembly to direct all its "moral and spiritual powers, by such measures as shall seem to the Assembly best, to the following objects," to wit:

"1. Appealing to the Christian consciences of your educated members among literary and professional men, for an extraordinary recruit to our ministry, who, by receiving licensure as soon as they can comply with the constitutional requirements as to scholarship, may be ready to meet our exigencies earlier than the pious youth now in academies and colleges.

"2. Effectually causing all church sessions and Presbyteries to enforce the discipline provided in our Constitution against offences; and especially against

conformity to dissipated and lascivious amusements of the world, intemperance, and relaxed expedients for evading pecuniary obligations, now permitted by the legislation of the country"—

Would report to the Assembly that they have had the overture under careful consideration, and respectfully submit as the result of their deliberations, and recommend as the answer of the Assembly, the following resolutions :

1. That this Assembly would earnestly appeal to the Christian consciences of the educated members of our Church among literary and professional men, as well as among our young men who are now considering the particular profession or life-work for their future pursuit, to seek in solemn and earnest humble prayer to God the answer to the question, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" and that they watch the providences of God as they open before them ; and that, by every available means, they strive to ascertain God's holy will in reference to this great matter, without allowing themselves either presumptuously to seek this holy office from the mere possession of external gifts, however great, or suffering themselves to be deterred from it by obstacles and difficulties, however apparently formidable.

2. That the Assembly would, in hearty response to the second suggestion of this overture, earnestly and solemnly enjoin upon all the sessions and Presbyteries under its care the absolute necessity of enforcing "the discipline provided in our Constitution against offences;" under the word offences, including attendance by our members upon theatrical exhibitions and performances, and promiscuous dancings ; against intemperance, and against availing themselves of the "expedients for evading pecuniary obligations, now permitted by the legislation of the country," in such manner as cannot be justified by a conscience enlightened by the Spirit and the word of God, and as must dishonor the cause of Jesus Christ.

Also, on Overture No. 4, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The following overture was adopted by Lexington Presbytery at its meeting September 4, 1868, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly :

Whereas, in the judgment of this Presbytery, the resolutions of the General Assembly on pages 278 and 279 of its Minutes for the year 1868, setting forth certain conditions on which alone the Committee of Sustentation shall make appropriations in aid of pastors, supplies, missionaries, and evangelists, or for church erection or repairs, are inexpedient in policy, and questionable as a matter of constitutional right, and so calculated as to prevent rather than to secure a more general co-operation in the Assembly's scheme of Sustentation ; Therefore,

Resolved, That the General Assembly be respectfully overtured to rescind said resolutions, and leave the Committee of Sustentation free to act without the embarrassment of said resolutions.

The Committee recommend the following changes as the answer :

In the first condition of the first resolution, after "at least once a year," omit the words, "in a discourse exclusively devoted to the subject," and insert the word "distinctly."

In the second condition of the first resolution, the language be so altered as to read as follows :

"That the said minister shall, in co-operation with the session, (if there be one,) see to it that in the congregations ministered to by him, at least one annual collection be taken up in aid of the benevolent operations of the Church."

Omit the fifth resolution.

Also, on Overture No. 18, which was adopted, and is as follows :

An overture from ministers of the South Alabama Presbytery, requesting the Assembly "to adopt some plan whereby Presbyteries may be authorised to license as lay preachers or exhorters such persons as may be found qualified in mind and heart to instruct and edify the churches, without requiring of them

that course of literary and theological education which is required for our regular ministry," etc., etc.

The Committee would recommend the following answer:

That the Assembly expresses its approbation of Presbyteries granting permission to persons of suitable gifts, to hold meetings and speak the word of exhortation in churches, in their respective bounds, with the consent of the sessions where such exist, and also in destitute neighborhoods; such persons being required to abstain from assuming the proper functions of the ministry, and being held subject to the control of Presbytery.

The Auditing Committee presented a final report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Auditing Committee respectfully report that they have examined the books and accounts of Charles Gennet, Treasurer of Education, and find them neatly and properly kept, and the disbursements sustained by proper vouchers, showing a balance from this fund due to the Treasurer of six hundred and sixty-two dollars and fifty-two cents (\$662.52).

Your Committee have also examined the books and accounts of Charles Gennet, Treasurer of Publication, and find them neatly and properly kept, and the disbursements sustained by proper vouchers, leaving in his hands, of this fund, a balance of twenty-two hundred and forty-four dollars and sixty-six cents (\$2,244.66).

The Auditing Committee respectfully report that they have examined the books and accounts of Rev. James Woodrow, Treasurer of Sustentation, and find them neatly and properly kept, and the disbursements sustained by proper vouchers, leaving a balance from this fund in the hands of the Treasurer of eleven thousand and twenty-six dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$11,026.97).

Your Committee have also examined the accounts of Rev. James Woodrow, Treasurer of the Assembly's fund for the support of disabled ministers and widows and orphans of deceased ministers, and respectfully report that they find them correct, and the disbursements sustained by proper vouchers, showing a balance of sixteen hundred and thirty dollars and ninety-six cents of this fund in the hands of the Treasurer (\$1,630.96).

Your Committee further report that they have examined the books and accounts of Rev. James Woodrow, Treasurer of Foreign Missions, and find them neatly and properly kept, and the disbursements sustained by proper vouchers, with the exception of the last remittance to the missionaries in the Indian Territory, from which there has not been time to hear. The appropriation was properly made; and your Committee have no doubt that the charges are correct. The balance due to the Treasurer from this fund is eight hundred and seventy-eight dollars and ninety cents (\$878.90).

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock this evening. Closed with prayer by the Rev. S. S. Gill.

WEDNESDAY EVENING—8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. John Douglas.

After addresses on the subject of Sustentation, the report of the Standing Committee on that subject was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee of Sustentation, after a careful examination of the third annual report of the Executive Committee of Sustentation, propose

for adoption the following resolutions, as embodying the main points which call for the action of the Assembly:

Resolved, 1. That the Assembly expresses its high approval of the fidelity, zeal, and success of the Executive Committee in the solemn and and responsible work committed to their charge, and also the zeal of and ability with which so many of the Presbyterial Committees have labored to bring all the churches within their bounds up to the proper standard of Christian liberality; and expresses its confidence that similar efforts on the part of all these Presbyterial Committees would soon make the whole Church a substantial unit in relation to this great interest of the Church.

2. That while recording with gratitude the growing liberality of so many churches, and the increasing number which have contributed to the general fund, the Assembly learns with sadness the painful and humiliating fact that yet at least one-half of our churches have contributed nothing at all, either to this or any other of the schemes of benevolence authorized by the Church. The Church of Christ in its very nature is a divinely constituted benevolent society, and all its members are bound to honor God with their substance according as he has given to each the ability; and the Assembly hereby enjoins on all the Presbyteries to exercise care in selecting only wise and efficient men for the chairs of the Presbyterial committees, and that each Presbytery shall hold responsible to its proper censures every church session which neglects to co-operate in a work so important to the life of the Church and to the permanence and spread of the gospel.

3. That we cannot guard too carefully against the introduction and prevalence of an eleemosynary dependence among our people, and that the Assembly discountenances all appeals made abroad for the re-establishment of institutions of learning, for the erection or repairs of costly church edifices, and other objects of a kindred nature, beyond the essential and pressing necessities of the present time.

4. That in view of the inadequate support of our ministry, and of the hopeful prospect of improvement in the pecuniary condition of the country, as well as the great importance of relieving as far as possible our ministers from worldly cares, it be enjoined upon the Presbyteries and the Central Committee to make the effort to raise the salary of every laboring minister to \$750 for the year 1870.

5. The Assembly exhorts, also, every Presbytery to call the attention of each church in its bounds to the importance of having a manse provided for its pastor in some central and convenient place, and with a few acres of arable and wooded land attached in the case of country churches. The comfort and usefulness of ministers will be greatly promoted by this measure, and the cords of affection and confidence between pastor and people be greatly strengthened.

6. That the Assembly approves and hereby confirms the By-Laws presented by the Executive Committee, together with the amendments proposed, except that three years instead of two be specified as the maximum of the time for continuing the full appropriation to feeble churches.

7. The Assembly adds that in no case shall any salary be supplemented by the Committee so as to make the whole greater than \$1,000.

8. That the following persons are hereby constituted members of the Committee for the coming year:

Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., Secretary; Rev. James Woodrow, Treasurer; Rev. Drs. George Howe, J. B. Adger, J. R. Wilson, A. W. Miller, J. L. Girardeau, Rev. W. E. Boggs, Gen. F. W. McMaster, Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, and Gen. E. P. Alexander.

The Assembly then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, May 27—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. S. W. Mitchell.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Standing Committee on Evangelistic Labors presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to examine the reports of the Presbyteries on evangelistic labor, offer the following for the consideration of the General Assembly:

The whole number of Presbyteries in connexion with this Assembly, leaving out those of Kentucky, but recently united with us, is forty-seven. Of these, seventeen only have communicated with us on this important subject, leaving thirty from which no report has been received. It is therefore impossible to form anything like a correct idea of the actual state of things in reference to this particular, unless the reports received present something like a fair representation of the whole.

The following are the Presbyteries from which reports have come: Central Texas, Brazos, Arkansas, Ouachita, New Orleans, East Alabama, Savannah, South Carolina, Charleston, Knoxville, Central Ohio, Greenbrier, Montgomery, Roanoke, West Hanover, Lexington, Winchester, and Chesapeake.

The reports exhibit a mournful state of poverty, and of consequent inability to sustain the preached word among a large number of our churches. The Presbyteries from which they come may be classed as follows:

1. Those which have had no evangelist during the past year.
2. Those which, not having an evangelist, have endeavored to supply the want of one by the efforts of the settled pastors.
3. Those in which the labors of an evangelist have been but in part, and those in which such labors have been regular.

Under the first head may be named the Presbyteries of Brazos, Arkansas, Ouachita, and Savannah. The last has but two vacant churches, and these, to some extent, have been supplied by the appointed visits of pastors having charges. Still the cry is, that the needful work cannot be done because the Presbytery has not the means to support a laborer. The Presbytery of Brazos has an evangelist appointed for the present year, but was without one during the past year. In the Presbyteries of Arkansas and Ouachita, nothing has been done in the way of evangelistic labor beyond a very limited supply of their vacant churches by the ministers of the Presbytery. This has been owing to the fewness of their number, the great distance they have to travel, the frequent demands on them for labor, and their inability to support an evangelist. The Committee strongly recommend the central Committee at Columbia, through the General Assembly, to employ, if they can, an evangelist for each of these Presbyteries. The few brethren there have been struggling hard amid unwonted self-denial and discouragements, not only to maintain the ground already occupied, but to make advances in fields unusually inviting and ready for the harvest.

It is true, they give no pledge of a pecuniary support, but they encourage the belief that among a people who, although for the want of the gospel, may have but a limited idea of its value, the hire of the laborer will be far from being wholly withheld.

2. Those which, not having an evangelist, have endeavored to supply the want of one by the efforts of the settled pastors. These are New Orleans, West Hanover, Winchester, and Chesapeake. The Committee highly commend what these brethren have done, and recommend their example to others.

3. Presbyteries in which the labors of an evangelist have been but in part. These are Central Texas, Montgomery, and Central Ohio. Of results in the last we have no report. To supply in some measure the great additional wants in the Presbytery of Central Texas, the brethren there have often left

their own particular charges, and have gone out to find and feed the scattered sheep, and gather those who have not yet heard the voice of the great Shepherd. They make an earnest call for helpers and the means to support them.

In the Presbytery of Montgomery, the labors of the evangelist have been greatly blessed. The brethren there have gone systematically to work to meet their pressing wants, and with a very gratifying success.

4. Presbyteries in which the labors of an evangelist have been regular throughout the year. These are East Alabama, South Carolina, Charleston, Greenbrier, Lexington, and Knoxville. The labors of the evangelist in the Presbytery of Greenbrier have been largely blessed, and so in that of Lexington also. The latter has not only sustained its own evangelist and three missionaries, but has contributed considerably to the general fund at Columbia. No results are given in the report from East Alabama.

To show the results of evangelistic labor, united with that of settled ministers, in the Presbytery of Knoxville, it will suffice to state that in the spring of 1867, they had but two ministers. To these, during the summer, one other was added. Late in the fall of that year, an evangelist was employed, and one has been continued ever since until quite recently. At that time, they had under their care thirteen churches, most of them remnants of churches, with four exceptions, all very feeble. They have now sixteen churches, six ordained ministers, and one licentiate, all supported by the people to whom they preach, except one—he receives the half of his salary from his charge. In short, nearly every church in that Presbytery that has enjoyed the means of grace has been steadily on the advance.

The evangelist of the Presbytery of South Carolina has done much to supply the destitute with the gospel; to stir up the churches to regular and liberal contributions to our various objects of benevolence and the Theological Seminary in that State. Through his instrumentality, mainly, an average advance of sixty-eight per cent. has been made in the average support of the ministers of the Presbytery.

The evangelist of the Presbytery of Charleston has been wholly sustained by the Presbytery. In addition to this, no inconsiderable missionary labor has been sustained in the same way. These labors have been confined, mainly, to destitute and feeble churches, and the results have been happy.

The Committee recommend to others the example of the elders of that Presbytery, for maintaining regularly the worship of God in all the vacant churches on the Sabbath day. The cause of religion is not likely to languish among a people who value it so highly.

In conclusion, it is manifest that our Committee of Sustentation are doing a noble work, in our wide fields of poverty and destitution, by dispensing the benefactions of the Church among those who would otherwise have been left without the means of grace.

The Judicial Committee made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Judicial Committee respectfully report that an appeal has been placed in their hands, sent up to this Assembly by a candidate for the ministry of Tombeckee Presbytery, from a decision of said Presbytery revoking his license to preach the gospel, and praying the Assembly to return his license. It does not appear, by the appeal and other papers before your Committee, that the appellant has taken the preliminary steps required by the Discipline of the Church, (Chap. 7., Sec. 3., Sub. Sec. 5.) Therefore,

Resolved, That this Assembly cannot issue the case presented in this appeal and complaint, and that the appellant have leave to withdraw his papers.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of Publication be authorised, at their discretion, to publish Sabbath-school books, and others of a character not denominational, without placing on them the "Presbyterian" stamp, but

with such other title as will clearly indicate our own publishing house in Richmond.

The Committee on the subject of church music made a report. After some discussion, the subject was indefinitely postponed.

The report of the Committee on the subject of a "relief fund" for the families of deceased ministers was taken up, and, after discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the whole subject be referred to the Committee of Sustentation for further investigation, and with a view to the perfection of the plan. This Committee shall report to the next General Assembly the result of their labors.

The Rev. T. L. DeVeaux, by permission of the Assembly, read for information an official paper from the church of Jacksonville in regard to the affairs of the Presbyterian church in that place, whose edifice has been wrongfully wrested from them, accompanying it with interesting statements concerning the troubles of that congregation, of which he is the stated supply.

The Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion presented a report, which was adopted.

The report of the Committee on the Revised Book of Church Order was taken up, when the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Assembly having received the report of the Special Committee to whom was referred the "Book of Church Order" for revision and amendment, hereby orders the said Book in the amended form reported by the Committee to be sent down to the Presbyteries so that they may take such action as is specified in the memorial and in the report of the Committee on the subject which was adopted by this Assembly, to wit: That they express their assent to such portions thereof as may meet their approval; and send up also to the next Assembly objections to any portions they may disapprove of; and with a request that the portions disapproved of be revised by that Assembly and sent down for the action of the Presbyteries, with a view to final action by the Assembly of 1871.

Resolved, That the Committee of Publication is hereby directed, under the supervision of Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., and Rev. Wm. Brown, D. D., to print the Book as amended by the Committee, for the use of Presbyteries, and that they send one copy to each minister, and the session of each vacant church in our bounds.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it be recommended to all the churches under our care to take up a collection for the relief of disabled ministers and widows annually on the first Sabbath of July, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Assembly are hereby cordially tendered to the citizens of Mobile for their generous and warm-hearted hospitalities extended to this body, to the several pastors and congregations of the city for the use of their pulpits on the Sabbath, and to the various railroad and steamboat companies for free return tickets to the members of the Assembly.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that no business

had come before them which required the notice of the Assembly.

The minutes of to-day were read and approved.

It was then moved and adopted, that this General Assembly be dissolved, and that another General Assembly, chosen in the same manner, be required to meet in the Second Presbyterian Church in the city of Louisville, on the third Thursday in May, 1870, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The Assembly was dissolved accordingly. Closed with singing, prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

STUART ROBINSON, MODERATOR.

JOSEPH R. WILSON, STATED CLERK.

WILLIAM BROWN, PERMANENT CLERK.

APPENDIX.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES TO THE CHURCHES UNDER ITS CARE:

BELoved BRETHREN:—"Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

In surveying the vast field occupied by our Church, we find abundant occasion for gratitude or humiliation, as our eyes are directed to the pleasing or the forbidding features of the scene presented. In every department of Christian life, we behold animating signs of progress, checkered here and there, however, by mournful evidences of declension. While there is much in view of which we may well thank God and take courage, there are not wanting facts which painfully remind us that the body of Christ is not as yet free from sin and imperfection.

Perhaps in no particular has the Church advanced more rapidly during the past year than in the work of completing its organisation. The return of peace, it is well known, found our distinctive conception of ecclesiastical order only partially realised. Severed from ancient associations and relationships, it was not to be expected that we should enter at once completely equipped and appointed upon our new and independent career. How, within the prescribed limits of our organic law, to exercise our powers most wisely and usefully was a problem not easy to be solved. But, by the blessing of heaven, the requisite wisdom was vouchsafed.

The narratives submitted for inspection, show that never in our history as a Church has the work of organisation been so highly appreciated and thoroughly done. Churches, of which the temporal and monetary interests had been intrusted to unauthorised custodians, have returned to the scriptural order of the diaconate. The office of evangelist that had well nigh dropped out of our system, is in process of general reinstatement as an integral feature of a complete Presbyterian organisation. One after another the Presbyteries have cemented their relations with the central Committees, until only here and there is left a Presbytery whose persistent independence mars the almost unbroken uniformity. The practice of making weekly offerings in behalf of the various objects of benevolence, is spreading with such rapidity as to warrant the belief that it will soon become universal.

In the spiritual life of the Church, too, it is believed that encouraging progress has been made. While it is true that piety is essentially a principle of the heart, and as such is screened from observation, it is not less true that by the law of its nature it seeks and must have fitting outward expression. "By their fruits shall ye know them:" such was the rule proposed by the greatest of teachers. Proved by this test, the spiritual state of the churches, as reflected in the narratives of the Presbyteries, exhibits marks of improvement too plain to be mistaken. While no general outpouring of the Spirit has been experienced during the year, there have not been wanting tokens of his special favor. A large majority of the churches have had some seasons of refreshing. The reformation of abuses born in the unhappy days of civil strife, indicates a conscience quickening to the obligations of morality. The

lines which should separate the Church from the world, in some places well-nigh obliterated for a time, begin to reappear. The prayer-meeting, which, perhaps, more than any other ordinance, indicates by its fluctuations the waxing or waning piety of the Church, has been established at many points where till just now this form of worship was not known. It is esteemed an especial occasion of gratitude that from only a few of the Presbyteries issues a lamentation, that a few years ago was shamefully general, over the prevalence of intemperance.

This representation of the spiritual condition of the Church would be incomplete without some humiliating additions. The complaint is loud of the neglect of family religion by our people—some who have assumed the vows of office-bearers suffering their household altars to fall into decay. One Presbytery records with sorrow and shame that of more than forty churches under its care, nearly half utterly neglect the institution of social prayer.

Many Presbyteries speak mournfully of the growing popularity of lascivious amusements, and of the barrenness of the ministry as compared with the fruitfulness of former years. Many of the churches, engrossed by their own local affairs, evince little interest and bear scarcely any part in the general enterprises of the Church.

On the whole, however, it is impossible to scan the reports submitted by the Presbyteries and fail to receive the gratifying impression, that, beyond every year in our history, the past has been a year of labor and achievement. Never before has there been such a concern for the religious culture of our youth. The tidings touching this matter, from every quarter of the field, are truly inspiring. Over the entire breadth of our territory, Sabbath-schools are forming, and special efforts making to gather and indoctrinate the young. The Shorter Catechism, there is reason to believe, was never so highly prized and conscientiously taught. It may be predicted that at no distant day this invaluable standard will be installed in the educational system of every Presbyterian household. It is also matter for rejoicing that never before have our people been so instinct with the spirit of missions. Increased interest is felt in the spiritual welfare of the colored race, and is manifesting itself in earnest and systematic effort for their salvation. In our Theological Seminaries some of our most gifted young men have consecrated themselves to the work of preaching Christ in foreign lands.

In view of all the facts presented for our inspection, it is our judgment that, while there is much evil among us to deplore, the growth of the Church has been large and symmetrical. Here and there the line has wavered; but the general movement has been forward. With hearts deeply affected by God's mercies which we have received, we would gratefully erect our memorial and inscribe it with the word "Ebenezer."

STUART ROBINSON, *Moderator.*

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF SUSTENTATION.

The Committee of Sustentation, in presenting their Third Annual Report, desire to make grateful mention of the distinguished and manifold favors bestowed upon this important enterprise during the past year by the great Head of the Church. These favors will be brought to view in the progress of the report itself, and need not be presented here for separate consideration.

The receipts, from all sources, for the eleven months ending the 31st of March, 1869, including \$3,328 contributed by Christian friends outside of our own connexion, and \$3,624.26 contributed for the relief of disabled ministers and the families of ministers deceased, amount to \$30,572.28. The balance rendered in the Treasurer's Report at the close of the last ecclesiastical year was employed in the payment of the second semi-annual instalment, which became due in October. The whole amount contributed by the churches during the eleven months under consideration, inclusive of \$3,624.26, given for the Relief Fund, is \$27,244.28. The amount contributed for the same objects in the corresponding months of the preceding year was \$15,923.98. This shows an increase of more than fifty per cent. over the receipts of the previous year. This is an encouraging view of the matter, and calls for expressions of sincere gratitude on the part of all who labor and pray for the welfare of our beloved Church.

It is equally gratifying to know that there has been a corresponding increase in the number of churches that have contributed to the general fund—the number contributing last year being 652, to 439 of the preceding year. If we take the first three months of the present current year in comparison with the corresponding months of the preceding year, the disparity is still greater—there being in the former case four hundred and forty two hundred and sixty in the latter. The increase in the latter case ought to be ascribed in part, perhaps, to greater promptness in the churches in sending forward their offerings, but mainly, no doubt, to the increased number that have been brought to co-operate in our schemes of benevolence. In either case it affords ground of encouragement. It shows that our people are not only understanding the principles and obligations of systematic benevolence better, but that they are beginning to see the great importance of concerted and harmonious action on the part of the whole Church. In many cases the contributions of the churches have been small, especially in those portions of the country where there has been unusual stringency in the money market; but in other cases they have been as liberal as could reasonably be expected in the continued unsettled condition of the country. The regulations adopted by the last Assembly, requiring all churches that receive aid from the general fund to contribute according to their ability, have no doubt done a good deal to increase the number of contributing churches. But the main cause of the improvement is undoubtedly due to the great pains which many of the chairmen of the Presbyterian Committees have taken to bring all the churches within their bounds up to the proper standard of Christian liberality. Similar efforts on the part of all these Presbyterian Committees would soon make the whole Church a substantial unit in relation to this great matter. But while there has been gratifying improvement in the particular direction under consideration, the humiliating fact must not be overlooked that at least one half of our churches have contributed nothing at all, either to this or any other of the schemes of benevolence authorized by the Church. How these delinquent churches are to be aroused from their lethargy and brought into efficient co-operation with the rest of the churches, is a problem of great moment, and deserves the earnest attention of the Assembly. Very great responsibility, according to the leading idea of the Sustentation scheme, rests upon the Presbyterian Committees; and so far as personal responsibility is concerned, upon the chairmen of those committees.

This is a most important and responsible office, therefore; and Presbyteries cannot exercise too much care in selecting only wise and efficient men to discharge its duties.

Important aid has been received from the Christian women of the Church during the year. A circular was addressed to them last autumn on the general subject, which met with a hearty response from many quarters. Some eighteen or twenty associations have presented liberal offerings to the cause of Sustentation, and in one case the munificent contribution of \$1,026 was sent forward to the treasury. The gratifying feature about most of these offerings is that they are the results of the personal industry of our women, and have not interfered in any way with the ordinary collections of the churches to which they belong. It is confidently believed that if ministers generally would take some pains to interest the women of their charges in our general schemes of benevolence, and aid them in forming suitable associations for assisting in sustaining them, they would soon find that it was not only one of the most effective means that could be employed to promote the piety and zeal of their own churches, but that it would in a very short time double if not treble the disposable resources of the Church at large.

It will be noticed that the contributions from Christian friends outside of our own connexion are small compared with what they have been for three or four years past. This ought not to occasion surprise. For three consecutive years, our friends, especially in Baltimore and Kentucky, stood by us in our time of sorrow and poverty, and ministered to our wants with a liberal hand. Their aid was most timely and generous, and our condition without it would have been deplorable indeed. During these years, however, their own local wants have been passed by, but now they need all the resources they can command. In the meantime, our outward circumstances have improved, and it would be alike unmanly and unreasonable to continue to expect help from others after we are able to help ourselves. We cannot guard too carefully against the introduction and prevalence of an eleemosynary spirit among our people. If we cannot at once command all the means that seem necessary for the re-establishment of our institutions of learning, the repairs and erection of our church edifices, and other objects of a kindred nature, let us endeavor to be patient and use wisely and economically such resources as the providence of God may have placed within our immediate reach. If our growth as a Church is not so rapid as we could wish, it will be more steady and certain, and in the end rest upon a more solid and enduring foundation.

Since the beginning of the present current year, forty Presbyteries have asked and received aid from the central Committee to supplement the salaries of feeble churches and to assist in the support of missionaries and evangelists. Four or five others, it is expected, will ask aid during the year. One hundred and eighteen ministers, representing between three and four hundred feeble churches, have received aid from the general fund the present year. A number of these are regarded by their Presbyteries as missionaries or evangelists; but when the practice has become so common, as it is with us at present, of combining a large number of feeble churches under a single pastor, it is not easy to draw a line of distinction between the office of the pastor and the evangelist. The amount granted has varied according to circumstances from \$100 to \$500. The first semi-annual instalments of all these appropriations have already been paid; and the second will be paid the first of October, provided the receipts from the churches come in during the intermediate months as they did in the corresponding months of the previous year. If from any unforeseen cause they should fail, then the Committee could pay only *pro rata*. This is always understood when the annual appropriations are made. The Committee, of course, can disburse only such funds as are placed at their disposal. It would be neither wise nor practicable to borrow money to make up for the deficiencies of the churches. The Committee, however, always try to arrange affairs so as to pay both instalments in full; and so far as can be seen at present, they will be able to pay the second instalment in October next.

The Committee are further able to report that so far as can be ascertained,

stated preaching, more or less frequent, has been maintained in all our organised churches, except in the boundaries of the Synod of Texas, where many are in a languishing condition from the want of gospel ordinances. The Committee has done all it could, in co-operation with the Presbyteries of Texas, to supply these deficiencies, but as yet with very partial success. At the same time, however, that all our churches, with the exception just made, have been supplied with the preaching of the gospel, it must be confessed that the supply has been very inadequate to the demands of the case. The practice of uniting a number of feeble churches under the care of a single pastor has been stretched to the last limit compatible, not to say with the welfare, but the very existence of many of these churches. This pressure is owing to the twofold cause of the poverty of the churches and the actual diminution of our ministerial force for several years past. The churches, there is reason to hope, are gradually recovering from their prostration, and some of them are now able to support pastors, but find it no easy matter to obtain them. The diminution in our ministerial force may be ascribed to several causes, but mainly to the fact that for five or six years past removals by death have greatly exceeded the ordinary accessions to the ministry. The main alleviation of this discouraging fact is that there are at the present time, according to the published statement of the Secretary of Education, more than two hundred and fifty young men, in various stages of education, preparing for the work of the ministry. If there should be no disappointment in relation to this matter, we may reasonably expect an annual accession of thirty or forty ministers for the next six years at least, and in this way all the waste places in our Zion will be built up.

In making appropriations for the present financial year, the Committee have had special regard to the injunction of the last Assembly, to make the effort to raise the salary of every laboring minister to \$600 as the *minimum* amount. So far as is known, the measure has been or rather will be completely carried out. There are undoubtedly ministers in the Church whose salaries from their congregations do not amount to this sum; but being engaged in secular pursuits, or having some other resources upon which to rely for support, their names have not been brought before the Committee for aid. So far as the *intention* of the Assembly's injunction is concerned, it is believed to have been fully carried out. This is an important step taken in the great matter of ministerial support, and affords occasion for sincere gratitude to the great Head of the Church. A single case is mentioned where a minister is receiving a good deal less than this, but no aid has been asked because his congregations are abundantly able to raise that amount, and more, too; and it was justly thought that the case ought to come under the cognizance of the Presbytery.

At the same time, however, that it is a matter of congratulation that the *minimum* salary of \$600 has been attained, it must be acknowledged that this is a very inadequate support for a minister in almost any circumstances. It may be well for the Assembly, therefore, to consider the question of enjoining it upon the Presbyteries and the central Committee to make the effort to raise the salary of every laboring minister to \$700 or \$750 for the year 1870. If Providence favor our people with good crops and general prosperity the present year; if Presbyteries and Presbyterial Committees will give the matter the full attention which its great importance deserves; and if churches will contribute as freely as their improved circumstances would seem to justify, there will be no difficulty whatever in carrying the proposition into effect. In view of this proposed enlargement of ministerial support, however, Presbyteries ought to insist that ministers who are benefited by this arrangement should abstain from all secular pursuits that would interfere with the faithful and efficient discharge of their ministerial duties. In the present condition of our churches, the time and talents of ministers are too precious to be expended upon mere secular pursuits.

The Committee have extended aid to seventeen congregations in the erection or repairing of their church edifices. The sums granted have varied from

one hundred to three hundred and fifty dollars—making in the aggregate \$2,970. It might be well for the Assembly to give forth a word of admonition on this particular subject. Our people, in many cases at least, have not acted with their usual prudence in the matter of church building. In some cases buildings have been put up in localities where there is very little prospect that respectable congregations will ever be gathered, and for the accommodation of one or two families who might without any serious inconvenience have worshipped in private houses. Sometimes a heavy debt is incurred, which not only proves a detriment and annoyance to the congregation for long years, but furnishes the pretext for not doing anything for the cause of general benevolence during those years. In other cases, buildings are undertaken that are vastly too expensive for the resources of the people, and recourse is had to the Church at large, or an appeal is made to strangers who know but little about us, and can be supposed to feel very little interest in the welfare of our Church. Are we not in this way exposing ourselves to the not altogether undeserved charge of mendicancy? Is it not better and more creditable to us as a Christian people to be content to worship in plain sanctuaries that have been reared by our own efforts than to have more costly edifices erected for us by the charity of others?

The whole amount contributed to the Relief Fund since the first Sabbath in July, the time appointed by the Assembly for the first general collection, is \$3,624.26. The number of families that have received aid since that time is fifty-seven, and in sums varying from twenty-five to one hundred dollars. These sums, of course, have not met all the wants of these families, but they have gone far to alleviate their more urgent necessities. It is very desirable that the average amount should be raised at least to one hundred dollars. To do this, however, it would require six thousand dollars, or nearly one hundred per cent. upon last year's contribution. This sum, and more too, can easily be raised if ministers will only take the proper pains to bring the subject to the attention of their people. The number of churches that have contributed to this fund is only two hundred and ten, or about one-sixth of the whole. The cause is one that will always find ready access to the hearts of God's people, and it is surpassing strange that ministers should be indifferent about a cause that ought to be so near to their hearts, and in which the welfare of their own families is so intimately involved.

In conclusion, the Committee would call the attention of the Assembly to the great importance of having manse provided for all our ministers who are engaged in the pastoral work. Every congregation within our bounds that has not already made such provision for its pastor ought to be urged to so do as soon as possible. These manse ought to occupy central and eligible positions; they ought to be made as commodious and comfortable as the circumstances of the congregations will allow; and when situated in the country, they ought always to have a few acres of arable and wooded land attached to them. It is not proposed that the Assembly assume any responsibility in connexion with this matter further than to urge it upon the attention of the Presbyteries under their care. The Presbyteries are the proper bodies, in the judgment of the Committee, to initiate the necessary measures for carrying the plan into effect, and it is earnestly hoped that they will at once give the subject all the attention which its great importance demands. Not only will the comfort and usefulness of the minister be greatly promoted by this measure, but the cords of affection and confidence between him and his people will be greatly strengthened.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Committee of Sustentation.

J. LEIGHTON WILSON,
Secretary of Sustentation.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SUSTENTATION.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in account with James Woodrow, Treasurer of Sustentation.

DR.	
To cash paid evangelists, domestic missionaries, and to supplement pastors' salaries, ...	\$22,702 50
To cash paid to aid in rebuilding and repairing churches, ...	1,550 00
To cash paid disabled ministers, widows, and orphans, before July 1, 1868, ...	375 00
To cash paid salaries of officers and clerk-hire, ...	1,722 58
To cash paid travelling expenses on official business, ...	152 00
To cash paid office expenses, printing circulars, etc., ...	140 20
To cash paid exchange account, ...	23 75
To balance in Treasury, April 1, 1869, ...	11,026 97
	\$37,693 00
CR.	
By balance in Treasury, May 1, 1868, ...	\$10,744 98
By donations from churches and individuals from May 1, 1868, to April 1, 1869, ...	26,948 02
	\$37,693 00
FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS AND WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.	
DR.	
To cash paid disabled ministers and widows and orphans of deceased ministers from July 1, 1868, to April 1, 1869, ...	\$1,993 30
To balance in Treasury, April 1, 1869, ...	1,630 96
	\$3,624 26
CR.	
By denations from churches and individuals, from July 1, 1868, to April 1, 1869, ...	\$3,624 26

JAMES WOODROW, Treasurer of Sustentation.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, in presenting their eighth Annual Report, feel thankful to the great Head of the Church, that they are enabled to report a good and encouraging measure of success in the prosecution of the great work that has been committed to their care. It must be borne in mind, however, that as a Church we are yet but in the incipient stages of this great undertaking, and that what is being done at present, and perhaps for several years to come, can only be regarded as preparatory to greater results hereafter.

FINANCES.

The receipts from all sources during the eleven months ending the 31st March, 1869, including \$2,523.99 contributed by Sabbath-schools, amount to \$18,555.16. If we add to this \$2,000, about the value of outfit furnished to the missionaries by the ladies of Richmond, Petersburg, New Orleans, and other places, the aggregate receipts will be over \$20,000. The receipts of the preceding eleven months were \$12,515.54. This shows that the receipts of the past year are more than sixty per cent. in advance of those of the previous year. This is an encouraging fact, and calls for expressions of profound gratitude to the great Head of the Church. The Committee desire to make grateful mention of the timely and substantial aid rendered by the ladies just referred to, in furnishing our missionary brethren with the outfits necessary for their voyage and settlement in the different countries to which they have gone. The children of the Sabbath-schools have also rendered important service.

The number of schools that have contributed is one hundred and five, and the aggregate amount contributed is \$2,523.99. If proper pains were taken to enlist our Sabbath-schools generally in the work, the above mentioned sum might very easily be trebled, if not quadrupled. The whole number of churches that contributed last year was 598 against 418 the preceding year—showing an increase of 180 contributing churches. This is a very encouraging state of things, but still we should not overlook the humiliating fact that only about one half of the whole of our churches have contributed anything at all to this precious cause during the past year.

SAILING OF MISSIONARIES AND THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE MISSIONARY WORK.

In the last Annual Report it was mentioned that eight young men had been designated to the missionary work, and were expecting to sail for their respective fields of labor during the year. Soon after the adjournment of the Assembly an additional appointment was made. Quite recently a missionary to the Choctaws has been appointed, making ten in all.

Rev. G. Nash Morton, according to previous arrangement, sailed from New York on board the steamer South America on the 24th of August, for the purpose of exploring certain portions of Brazil with reference to the establishment of a permanent mission in that part of the world. He returned to this country the latter part of November, having touched at all the principal cities and seaport towns along its eastern frontier, and gone as far in the interior as Campinas, the principal inland city in the province of Sao Paulo. The results of his observations have been published in the *Missionary*, and are known, therefore, to the Church at large. Mr. Morton and his associate, Rev. Edward Lane, together with Mrs. Morton, will sail from Baltimore about the first of June, and commence their permanent missionary labors in the city of the Campinas.

Rev. Messrs. M. H. Houston, Benjamin Helm, and J. L. Stuart, the first of the Synod of Virginia, and the others of the Synod of Kentucky, sailed from New York in the steamer Alaska for China on the 9th of September, and having touched successively at Panama, San Francisco, and Japan, they reached Shanghai on the 7th of November, having been something less than two months on the voyage. They remained there but a few days, and then proceeded to Hanchou, where they have been since engaged in studying the language and making other arrangements for the prosecution of their missionary work.

Rev. H. B. Pratt and family sailed from New York on the 21st of April, on their way to Barranquilla, their contemplated missionary station. Mr. Pratt, as is well known, labored as a missionary for a number of years previous to the war at Bogota, the capital of New Grenada, and is well qualified by his knowledge of the people and their language to be a very useful and effective missionary in that part of the world. Barranquilla is a seaport town of 20,000 inhabitants, and is not only a promising field of missionary labor in itself, but will afford great advantages for extending the blessings of the gospel into the broad and populous regions of New Grenada generally, as soon as we shall have the missionary force to do so.

Rev. Thomas E. Converse and his wife, in order to avoid the sickly season on the coast of China, will not leave this country before the latter part of August or the first of September. Mr. Converse has been spending the winter and the spring in the study of medicine and surgery, and will in this way occupy a more enlarged sphere of usefulness when he arrives in China. Mrs. Converse is the daughter of Rev. George W. Leyburn, formerly a missionary in Greece, and was herself born on mission ground.

Rev. Jos. M. Perryman, an educated Creek Indian, commenced his labors last summer at a place called North Fork, in the southern portion of the Creek territory. Thus far he has been favored with good and attentive audiences, and has the prospect of great usefulness among his kindred according to the flesh.

Rev. Hamilton Balentine, whose name is not unfamiliar to our people, and

who has spent almost the whole of his ministerial life in labors among the different Indian tribes, has recently been reappointed, and has commenced his work among the Cherokees, not far from Tahlequah, the capital of the Nation. In former years the Cherokees were much cared for, and well supplied with the preaching of the gospel by the Northern Church. But since the close of the war, only one white missionary, as it is understood, remains among them, so that their claim upon the Southern Church becomes very urgent.

Rev. Stephen Foreman, an educated Cherokee, and Mr. Balentine, form the mission to that people, and for the present they will labor at Tahlequah and the surrounding country.

THE WHOLE MISSIONARY FORCE.

When the five missionaries who are now on their way, or soon to leave, together with one missionary brother, who will probably go to the Choctaws during the summer or autumn, have all reached their respective stations, the whole missionary force will consist of seventeen regularly ordained missionaries, one licentiate, five female assistant missionaries, and eight native helpers—making in all thirty-one missionary laborers. This is a large and weighty responsibility to be assumed by a Church that is just emerging from a condition of extraordinary prostration and impoverishment. But He who has called her to this great honor, and laid upon her this heavy responsibility, will, no doubt, impart all the grace necessary to make her walk humbly in the midst of her honors, and bear the full burden of responsibility that has been laid upon her shoulders.

CHOCTAW MISSION.

This mission, as is already known, has during the year been deprived by death of one of its brightest ornaments. The name of the Rev. Cyrus Byington has long since become a household word with all who feel any interest in the missionary work. He was one of the founders of that mission, and had labored among the Choctaws with untiring assiduity for very nearly fifty years. Scores and hundreds of Christian Choctaws, some already in the mansions of glory, and others on their way thither, will ascribe their salvation under God to his instrumentality. The Rev. Dr. Kingsbury, who has spent even a longer period among this people, is still spared, and continues to labor on, though in the midst of great infirmity and feebleness. The Rev. C. C. Copeland, who has been in the same field for thirty years, still labors with undiminished activity, but is burdened with an amount of responsibility that cannot be sustained very much longer without serious detriment to his physical constitution. The Rev. Alexander Reid is absent at present, making arrangements for the education of his children, but hopes to resume his missionary labors in the summer or early autumn. The Rev. Allen Wright is constantly engaged in preaching, when not prevented by the duties of his office as Governor of the Nation. The Rev. Thomas H. Benton and Mr. Elijah Brewer, both native Choctaws, and the latter a licentiate under the care of the Indian Presbytery, are also actively engaged, and it is hoped, doing much good among their countrymen. All of the brethren report additions to their churches during the year, but no information has been given of the whole number of church members at the present time. The Committee of Publication have rendered important assistance by printing a spelling book and the Shorter Catechism for the use of the mission.

ITALIAN MISSION.

Miss Christina Ronzone has recently been installed as principal of a very interesting and promising Protestant female school in the city of Naples. The expenses of the school are defrayed by a Scotch lady, but Miss Ronzone receives her personal support from the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions. She renders herself useful in other ways, particularly by translating religious tracts into the Italian language, by personal conference with Romanists, and other kindred modes of doing good.

CHINESE MISSION.

The mission at Hanchou has been greatly strengthened and encouraged by

the arrival of the missionaries already referred to, and will be still more on the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Converse in the autumn. The time of the newly arrived missionaries is necessarily taken up with the study of the language, and in making other arrangements for entering upon the more active duties of their calling. The mission has heretofore been embarrassed by the want of suitable buildings for their own accommodation, as well as for their schools. Arrangements are being made, however, for the purchase of suitable buildings; and it is hoped that the missionaries will, in the course of two or three months, be comfortably settled in houses of their own. Two schools, one for boys and the other for girls, have been put in operation; and although the number of pupils is not yet large, it will undoubtedly become so as soon as the necessary accommodations are procured.

FUNDS NEEDED.

From what has already been said about the enlargement of the work, it will at once be inferred that there must be material increase in the receipts in order to meet its demands. The travelling expenses and passage of at least one-half of the newly appointed missionaries have yet to be paid; houses will have to be purchased or rented at a high rate in China, Brazil, and New Granada; and in other ways, too numerous to be specified, heavy expenses must be incurred. After a careful examination of the whole matter, the Committee have come to the conclusion that at least \$30,000 will be needed to meet the expenses of the year. This will be an advance on the contributions of the last year of something less than fifty per cent., and can easily be met if our people generally can be aroused to the importance of its claims. This amount must not only be raised, but it must be raised as promptly as possible. The Committee has no credit to meet any emergency that may arise, and must therefore look to the churches alone for the means to meet the demands as they shall present themselves. Our missionary brethren have gone forth to their distant fields of labor, relying upon the honor and liberality of the churches to furnish the means of their support; and they must not only be saved from actual want, but if we would have them prosecute their arduous and self-denying work with comfort and energy, they must be saved from all harassing anxiety about their temporal comfort.

MONTHLY CONCERT.

The Committee regard this as an important if not an indispensable means to the promotion of the missionary spirit among our people. Many of the churches, it is gratifying to know, have resumed the observance of this season of prayer, not only with great advantage to the cause of missions, but with much satisfaction to themselves. In country churches where it is not convenient for people to come together very frequently, an hour or a half an hour, either before or after public worship, may be very pleasantly and profitably spent in these exercises. The *Missionary*, which is sent gratuitously to all ministers, contains ample information of the progress of the gospel among the heathen nations of the earth; and any minister who will take a little pains to store his mind with some of the interesting facts with which it abounds may render the monthly concert exceedingly interesting. And until this is done, it is feared that we will never feel the interest we ought in the great work of evangelizing the earth. But not only is the observance of the monthly concert an important means of promoting the piety of God's people and their interest in the great work of evangelizing the world, but the collections usually taken up on those occasions form an important item in the missionary revenue of the Church, and are especially needed in the present circumstances of the work.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.

J. LEIGHTON WILSON,
Secretary of Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in account with James Woodrow, Treasurer of Foreign Missions.

DR.	
To cash paid missionaries to the Indians.	\$4,978 00
To cash paid missionaries to China.	6,142 23
To cash paid missionaries to Brazil.	2,966 23
To cash paid missionaries to Colombia.	1,750 00
To cash paid missionary to Italy.	680 00
To cash paid salaries of officers and clerk-hire.	1,714 58
To cash paid printing <i>Missionary</i> .	702 00
To cash paid for travelling on official business.	259 00
To cash paid office expenses, printing circulars, etc.,	124 70
To cash paid exchange account.	30 99
To bond in Treasury, April 1, 1869.	1,000 00
To uncurrent money in Treasury, April 1, 1869.	284 00
Balance due Treasurer, May 1, 1868.	275 33
	\$20,907 06
CR..	
By donations from churches, individuals, etc.,	\$16,031 17
By donations from Sabbath-schools, etc., from May 1, 1868, to April 1, 1869.	2,523 99
By subscriptions for the <i>Missionary</i> .	202 00
By bond in Treasury, May 1, 1868.	1,000 00
By uncurrent money in Treasury, May 1, 1868.	271 00
Balance due Treasurer, April 1, 1869.	878 96
	\$20,907 06

JAMES WOODROW, Treasurer of Foreign Missions.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION.

The Executive Committee of Education presents its Eighth Annual Report to the General Assembly with much pleasure—more especially because it is enabled to make a record of continued and successful progress. The work intrusted to it is very simple, and a statement of what has been done is easily rendered. The whole number of candidates for whom aid has been requested is eighty-three. Of these, two withdrew before receiving any aid; one was taken off our hands by a church which agreed to support him; and appropriations were made for the assistance of all the others. These students were reported from thirty Presbyteries and from ten Synods.

The Treasurer's report, herewith submitted, shows the whole amount of receipts, including last year's balance, to be \$11,548.71; the various expenses of the Committee were \$1,093.90; and \$11,117.33 has been paid to candidates—making a total expenditure of \$12,211.23. There is, therefore, now due the Treasurer the sum of \$662.52. To meet appropriations required for the present collegiate year, terminating the 1st of July, will require an additional sum of \$407. The deficiency is, therefore, \$1,069.52.

At the last meeting of the General Assembly, there was reported a deficiency of funds for the then current year, which was promptly raised by a liberal collection taken up at that time. The Committee, however, foresaw embarrassment as about to arise, because the annual collection for this object does not occur till November, whereas the collegiate year, for which provision has to be made, begins about the 1st of September. An appeal was made to the public, which met with a very inadequate response; and a negotiable note

drawn by the Secretary and endorsed by the Treasurer, not in their official, but in their personal character, was discounted to meet pressing wants. Moreover, the gratuitous services of the Rev. James G. Hamner, D. D., were secured as a travelling agent to present this cause and its urgency on such of our churches as he might be able to reach. By these means, we were able to pass by that crisis, and by a careful distribution of our funds, to keep our young brethren from embarrassment until the receipts from the November collection came to our relief. Dr. Hamner rendered us valuable assistance by his zeal and energy; and the funds of the Committee were much increased as the result of his self-denying and unrequited services. His travelling expenses were nominally \$95.25; but special funds reached the treasury, out of which these expenses were paid, which otherwise would not have been contributed, and which fully paid them all.

In addition to this report of our own work, the Committee is requested to ascertain the state of this interest throughout the Church, and to report, also, all that has been done by other agencies and in other ways. In order to obtain this information, the Secretary of Education, under the order of the Committee, issued a circular to every part of the Church, making such inquiries as would develop all the facts in the case. The result is, that the number of candidates under the care of the respective Presbyteries is reported to be 138; the number studying for the ministry, but not reported as under the care of their Presbyteries, is 71; the number detained from school for the want of means is 9; and the number who are still undecided, but a majority of whom will doubtless study for the ministry, is 27; the total number reported is 245. These are reported from thirty-nine Presbyteries. From fifteen Presbyteries, no report was received.

These reports further show that, besides those aided by the Committee, 27 students have been aided in various ways, at an expense of \$4,298.57. The whole number, therefore, who have received aid the past year is not less than 107; and the whole amount thus expended, so far as reported, is \$16,509.80. There has been contributed to the support of Columbia Theological Seminary \$6,452.18; to furnish rooms for candidates at Davidson College, \$300; also, to Stewart College, \$6,000; to King's College, (late Bristol Academy,) \$3,000; and to Hampden Sidney College, \$2,500. The primary object in the establishment of these colleges is the raising up of an educated Christian ministry; and hence it is proper, in making this report, to include the donations to those institutions with the other contributions of the Church, so as to show, in a compendious view, all that has been done. The funds of Union Theological Seminary have also been increased, but no report has been received in answer to our circular. It is believed this increase was chiefly by contributions from outside sources. The whole amount contributed by our own people to this great cause, in its three aspects,—the support of candidates, the sustaining of our theological seminaries, and the equipment of our colleges,—amounts in the aggregate to not less than \$33,000.

The large number of candidates now under the care of our Presbyteries, and the increasing number of youth, in various stages of advancement, who have the gospel ministry in view, is the most hopeful manifestation of vitality which our Church furnishes. In all her departments, there is evidence of renewed strength; but the dedication of her sons to the ministry of the gospel on the part of God's people, and especially the consecration of so many of them to the work of foreign missions, is evidence of the presence and agency of the Holy Spirit in the bosom of the Church, and it ought to inspire her with increased zeal and a fresh spirit of devout consecration. For

1. The ministry is the pre-eminent ascension gift of the Lord Jesus Christ to his blood-bought Church. When the youth of Zion are found gathering to her courts to offer themselves to become her standard-bearers, it is a precious evidence that Christ, the King and Captain, is present in the camp of his saints.

2. This blessing, bestowed on us by Zion's King and Head, should occasion humility and the exercise of pious gratitude. It is a mark of Christ's conde-

ascension, that notwithstanding our great unworthiness, he should thus honor us as a Church and people, and cause the bones which he has broken so soon to rejoice.

3. It demands from us a renewed consecration of ourselves, our services, and our whole denomination, to Jesus Christ, our King and Deliverer. And in an especial manner it demands a fresh dedication to him of the silver and the gold. If he has called these young brethren to consecrate themselves to his service in the gospel ministry, he also calls upon his Church to furnish them for the work. The funds needed for this cause during the next year will be very largely in advance of the requirements of this year. For the present year, already we are far behind, and it will still take a large sum to discharge our obligations. The Church has the ability to do it, if it only had the spirit of a holy consecration. One-half of our congregations have done nothing for this cause. Our vacant churches generally neglect it; and yet they are expecting the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest, and to furnish them with pastors. If they would only do their duty in the matter of raising up an educated ministry, they could pray with more faith, and expect with greater assurance that the Lord would speedily send them the undershepherd.

In view, then, of the pressing necessities of the case, the Committee would request the General Assembly to appoint a collection in the months of August and September, from those churches which did nothing for this cause the past year.

In the midst of our rejoicing, however, there is cause of fear and doubt. Is this truly a work of the Spirit of God? Are these young men indeed moved at the call of the Saviour to enter on the work? Or are any of them actuated by carnal, worldly, ease-seeking motives? These questions have been pressed on the Committee from brethren in distant parts of the Church, who have heard of this moving of our young men, and have watched its progress with hope and joy, mingled with fear and misgiving. There are undoubtedly causes of apprehension. A brother in a remote part of the Church suggests "that it is possible to make the road to the pulpit too easy for the purity, spirituality, and efficiency of the ministry. We, as a Presbytery, are feeling this heavily at present. Where is the fault? Is it in our system of education? Or is it in the want of care and strict fidelity on the part of the Presbyteries? The subject ought to be looked into." This is an important suggestion. Part of the evil heretofore experienced was doubtless due to the system of divided responsibility which formerly prevailed. It is believed that a great advancement was made toward remedying this when the General Assembly took all jurisdiction over the candidates from the Committee, and left it where it properly belongs under the Constitution of the Church and the word of God, viz., with the proper court of his house. But still there remains the great danger of making the way to the sacred office so easy as to become a temptation. Here, again, the remedy is with the Presbyteries. This Committee is guided in its appropriations by their judgment, and is required to do so to the full extent of its means. The wholesome principle which has long controlled this subject is a safe one. It has never been proposed wholly to support the candidates, but to grant them assistance, so as to enable them, by the aid of friends, or by their own exertions, to secure the education required for the ministerial office. The Presbyteries are not wholly agreed as to the principle on which they request appropriations; but, in general, the Committee deems it just to say they exercise a wise discrimination and pursue an economy sufficiently rigid. The subject, however, is worthy of their prayerful attention.

Another excellent brother, in a different part of the Church, presents the case very forcibly in a different aspect of it. We also give his grounds of doubt for the consideration of this court, as follows: "I perceive that an unusual number of young men are turning their attention to the ministry. In one sense, this is very encouraging. But there is a slight drawback to a hearty rejoicing on this account. We look over the country and find a prevailing disposition among our young men to *AVOID the sun, the field, and labor*. So many are looking out for easy places, and are led to endure priva-

tions and engage in humiliating, degrading, and sinful occupations, rather than cultivate the soil or labor in some useful and respectable calling! I fear that some are induced to turn their attention to the ministry on this account, and I have reasons for my fears.

"Now, the danger is this. Ministers, in their ardent desire to see laborers in the harvest field, in their warm attachment to a young friend, and the wish that *their particular churches* may have the honor of sending forth one or more ministers, may overlook some things which *they alone*, as pastors, can see, and urge forth some who are not qualified for the work. And Presbyteries may too hastily endorse such. Is this too hard a saying? Let me say *I have felt this temptation.*"

While the Committee would express the belief that the great majority of our Southern young men, whose social condition has undergone a complete revolution within the last few years, have addressed themselves to the duties thus devolved upon them with a heroic determination, yet there are exceptions; and these are sufficiently numerous to be an occasion of warning. Hence the Committee sympathise deeply in the anxieties of these brethren. But these fears may be given to the winds, if those who have the whole responsibility of this matter resting on them only perform their duty with strict fidelity.

The whole case—the remedy and the preventive—under the guidance of God's Spirit, is intrusted to the officers and courts of the Church. This Committee can present to this Assembly the difficulties and embarrassments which confront it in managing an interest so momentous, and can furnish suggestions on the subject to brethren who may seek after them. But here its duty ends; the entire responsibility rests with the pastors of the youth and with their respective Presbyteries. Nothing is irresponsible. This Committee rejoices that every matter of jurisdiction over the candidates is committed to the courts of the Lord's house, to which Jesus Christ has given the promise of his presence and guidance. We can safely trust this weighty matter to them with his blessing. If we earnestly seek his direction in the discharge of our duties, he will not forsake us; but we may joyfully trust him to save us from that greatest of all curses—a carnal, self-seeking, unsanctified, uncalled ministry. Nevertheless, to obtain his blessing, we must exercise prayerful vigilance, and seek alone for those who give clear manifestations of a divine call, under the light of the word of God and the moving of the Spirit.

Some of the Presbyteries still continue to act independently in conducting this department of the Church's work, and some adopt a mixed system, acting for themselves until their treasury becomes exhausted, and then looking to this Committee to extricate them. Thus far, this aid has been extended with great pleasure, but the claims against us are becoming so large, and the necessity of system is becoming so pressing, that it is submitted to the Assembly to decide whether the appropriations should not hereafter be confined to those Presbyteries which co-operate with us in raising funds as well as in using them.

It is proper before closing to advert to one other matter. The statistics of our Church show a falling off from our rolls of nearly one hundred since the organisation of this body, counting with ours the roll of the United Synod. But this simple statement, unexplained, gives too discouraging a view of our condition. During the war, there could be but little increase of our strength, while the usual causes of mortality were much aggravated. Moreover, there were many on our rolls who were only nominally members of our Church, whose names have since been removed. Still further, quite a number of those formerly connected with us have withdrawn and united with other branches of the Presbyterian family. Our first full roll since the war was published in 1866. But at that time our rolls had not been revised and expurgated. On it are the names of several who died during the war, and of quite a number who had then or have since withdrawn from us. The falling off has therefore been much less than the above statement would indicate. The future prospects of our Church, under God's blessing, are as cheering in this respect as those of any other Presbyterian denomination.

In conclusion, we request the appointment of the last Thursday in February, or some other suitable time, as a day of prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the youth of our Church and for God's blessing on this cause.

All which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

E. T. BAIRD, Secretary of Education.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF EDUCATION.

Report of Chas. Gennet, Treasurer of Education of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Treasurer of Education reports his receipts for the year ending April 30, 1869, to be as follows:

Balance per last report..... \$ 352 87

Receipts—Donations from Synods:

Alabama.....	\$ 693 47
Arkansas.....	505 35
Georgia.....	512 35
Memphis.....	454 20
Mississippi.....	194 75
Nashville.....	857 94
North Carolina.....	1424 71
South Carolina.....	811 94
Texas.....	73 11
Virginia.....	4035 11
Miscellaneous.....	1682 91

\$11,195 84

Balance due Treasurer..... 662 52

\$11,858 36

\$12,211 23

DISBURSEMENTS.

Appropriations to students..... \$11,117 33

Officers' salaries:

Secretary.....	\$750 00	
Treasurer.....	100 00	850 00

Other Expenses:

Secretary's travelling expenses.....	41 90	
Rev. Dr. Hamner's travelling exp's.....	95 25	
Stationery, blanks, etc.....	26 74	
Printing and mailing circulars.....	32 19	
Express charges on remittances, stamps, etc.....	47 82	243 90

\$1,093 90

\$12,211 23

CHAS. GENNET, Treasurer.

RICHMOND, VA., April 30, 1869.

The undersigned, charged with that duty by the Education Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer, find them correct, and that the balance due him, on the 30th April, 1869, was \$662.52.

C. H. READ, } Auditing
B. R. WELLFORD, JR., } Committee.

ABSTRACT OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATION.

Two vacancies occurred during the year, by the resignation of Rev. Dr. Moore and Rev. P. B. Price, which were filled by the election of Rev. E. H. Rutherford and Rev. Thomas L. Preston.

The cash receipts from the sale of books were \$17,947.89; from subscriptions to the *Children's Friend*, \$3,359.01; and from collections in the churches, etc., \$7,391.80; last year's balance, \$1,047.50. Total cash receipts, \$29,746.20. The cash expenditures have been: Extraordinary expenses on account of orders of the General Assembly, \$100; on account of stock, \$18,029.37; ordinary office and store expenses, such as salaries, rent, insurance, taxes, stationery, postages, etc., \$7,274.82; for publishing the *Children's Friend*, \$2,097.35; making the sum total of cash expenditures to be \$27,501.54, and leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, on the first of May, of \$2,244.66.

The actual business done by the Committee during the year will be better understood by some additional facts derived from our ledger, than they can be from the Treasurer's report alone. In that report, the cash receipts from the sale of merchandise are stated to be \$17,947.89. In addition to this, the books of the store show that there have been sold \$1,473.29 worth of books for which payment has been received in merchandise. Moreover, our colporteurs are paid for their services out of the money which they receive from the sale of books. In making their returns of sales, they are authorised to retain what is due them. Consequently, the amount of cash which reaches the treasury does not show the actual sales, but is short to the amount of the compensation thus paid to our colporteurs. This year, it amounts to the sum of \$1,444.62. Moreover, the grants of books and tracts made to destitute churches and Sabbath-schools, or for general circulation, is really a sale to the Church on behalf of its benevolent work, and is paid for out of the funds contributed by the churches to this cause. The value of the grants made the past year is \$3,359.01. So that the whole amount of merchandise disposed of for cash, or its equivalent, is \$24,124.81. Add to this \$3,359.01, received from subscriptions to the *Children's Friend*, and we obtain the sum of \$27,483.82 as the amount of business done by the Committee during the year.

Moreover, the expenditures of the Committee were greater than shown by the Treasurer's report. For to the sum of \$18,029.37 paid in cash for stock, to get the true amount, we must add the \$1,473.29 worth of merchandise paid for by the sale of publications, giving the total expenditure for stock \$19,502.66, besides the cost of publishing the *Children's Friend*. Moreover, the item of \$1,444.62 is to be added to the expenses, on account of the salaries of colporteurs, as already explained.

From this statement, it will be seen that the actual receipts of the Committee, in cash or its equivalent, are \$32,664.11; and the expenses in cash or its equivalent, are \$30,419.45. The balance in the treasury is not affected by these additions.

The present condition of our business will be seen by the following statement. The whole cost value of the merchandise and stock on hand, at this time, is \$25,225.68; bills receivable, \$12,743.91; cash in the treasury, \$2,244.66—making a sum total of \$40,214.25. But this is subject to a deduction of \$3,314.51, the present amount of our indebtedness on account of merchandise, and we have as the result \$36,819.74, as the sum total of the assets of the Committee.

The assets of the Committee, last year, were \$29,767.57. Since then, the amount of \$7,391.80 has been contributed by the churches. Of this sum, \$5,039.89 were expended in making grants and in paying colporteurs, and \$100 in paying orders of the General Assembly, leaving \$2,251.91 as the amount to be added to our capital; and making the sum now to be accounted

for \$32,019.48. Taking this amount from our present assets, there is still left \$4,880.26 as the clear profit on our business for the year, over and above all expenses of every kind.

This statement, however, is liable to mislead, without some explanation. A large portion of our stock will always be in stereotype plates. These are estimated at their cost value in this report. But they are liable to be worn out when much used; and, then, sometimes, stereotyped works become obsolete. To do a successful business, therefore, the profit of a publishing house must be at least sufficient to cover the cost of all stereotype plates, cuts, etc., and to add thereto their value to the main capital. This exhibit, however, shows our business to be in a healthful condition.

The debts of the Committee on account of merchandise are \$3,314.51; from which take the cash in the treasury, now subject to disbursement, viz., \$2,244.66, and there is left the sum of \$1,069.85 as the deficit of cash at the present time. One year ago, the deficit was \$5,191.29.

This shows a reduction in the amount of our indebtedness of the sum of \$4,121.44.

In this connection, it is proper to state, on the other hand, that the losses which we have met with from the bankruptcy of our customers have been inconsiderable. There have been but two instances of loss; in one case, the amount was \$7; in the other, \$42.67.

According to the recommendation of the last Assembly to aid the Secretary in his work, a business agent has been added to our official force. To this responsible post Mr. J. D. K. Sleight has been appointed. The expenses of the Committee have been diminished, so as to make the aggregate thereof less than formerly. There has been a fall in rents; and now the Committee of Education has attained to a degree of success which enables it to pay a proportionate share of the salaries of Secretary and Treasurer, which heretofore have been borne wholly by this Committee.

The whole number of books, tracts, tract volumes, and papers issued during the year is as follows, viz.:

Bound volumes, 35,860.

Tract volumes, 25,000.

Catechism, 31,000.

Tracts, 2,250 copies, or 584,000 pages.

Seventh Annual Report, 2,000.

Catalogues, 3,800.

Systematic Benevolence Envelopes, 67,000.

Church Blanks, 6,500.

The aggregate number of pages printed was 17,833,500.

The circulation of the *Children's Friend* has increased steadily, and has now reached the number of 20,000 copies for the semi-monthly edition, and 3,500 for the monthly edition—making the total circulation 23,000 copies. The aggregate number of copies issued during the year was 480,000.

The new publications of the Committee have generally met with a most encouraging reception and decided manifestations of public favor. The whole amount of grants of books and tracts was \$3,556.60. Every application for aid properly presented was granted. Among these grants was the Choctaw Spelling Book and the Shorter Catechism in the Choctaw, which have been stereotyped, and 1,000 copies of each printed for the Choctaw Mission.

The colportage work has been prosecuted with more success. Its expenses were \$1,483.29.

The great want of the Committee is that its full endowment of \$50,000 should be secured. Of this sum, \$19,677.90 remains to be raised.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF PUBLICATION.

Report of Chas. Gennet, Treasurer of Publication of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Treasurer of Publication reports his receipts for the year ending April 30, 1869, to be as follows:

Balance per last report..... \$ 1,047 50

Receipts—Donations per Synods:

Alabama	\$ 397 20
Arkansas	310 45
Georgia.....	383 11
Memphis.....	731 02
Mississippi.....	553 22
Nashville.....	740 68
North Carolina.....	426 40
South Carolina.....	579 92
Texas.....	149 49
Virginia.....	2,535 42

\$6,806 81

Miscellaneous 584 99

Total donations.....\$7,391 80

Cash from Depositary.....\$17,947 89

Subscriptions to *Children's Friend*... 3,859 01

\$21,306 90

Total receipts.....\$28,698 70

Total funds.....\$29,746 20

DISBURSEMENTS.

Books and publications.....	\$18,029 37
On account of <i>Children's Friend</i>	2,097 35

\$20,126 72

Ordinary expenses—Salaries:

Secretary	\$2,750 00	
Clerks.....	1,944 00	
Treasurer.....	100 00	4,794 00
Secretary's travelling exp's	125 70	
Insurance	317 39	443 09

General expenses..... \$2,037 73

\$7,274 82

Extraordinary expenses:

Travelling expenses of Com. on Hymn Book..... 60 00

Travelling expenses of Revision Committee..... 40 00

\$ 100

Balance in Treasurer's hands..... 2,244 66

\$29,746 20

CHAS. GENNET, *Treasurer.*

RICHMOND, April 30, 1869.

The undersigned, charged with that duty by the Publication Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer, find them correct, and the balance in his hands, on the 30th April, 1869, was \$2,244.66.

C. H. READ, } *Auditing*
B. R. WELLFORD, JR., } *Committee.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT COLUMBIA, S. C.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbia report to the General Assembly, that during the year closing the 12th of May, 1869, the institution of which we were appointed the guardians has been in a condition calculated to elicit the warmest gratitude to God on the part of the Church with which it is connected. It will be seen from the Treasurer's Report, herewith submitted, that, pecuniarily, there has been no embarrassment experienced, owing to the liberal contributions made to us by many churches within the bounds of the Synods of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Memphis. From this source, the sum of \$6,452.18 has been received; which, added to the sum of \$4,128.01, received from investments,—\$10,580.19 in all,—has placed at our disposal an amount sufficient for all our liabilities, and leaves a balance on hand, enough to meet the expenses that will accrue during the interval between the present month and the period when we may again expect contributions to the treasury as generous as those already specified. No considerable addition has been made to the permanent funds of the Seminary within the year; but hopes continue to be entertained that these will be so augmented before many years shall have passed as to render unnecessary further appeals thereafter to the churches.

The Report of the Faculty subjoined reveals the pleasing fact that *twenty-six* students have been in attendance on the instructions of the Faculty within the year now closed, and that *eight* of them have just finished their course of study. The examinations of these young men, continuing through two days in the presence of the Board, was eminently creditable both to the ability of the learned professors and the diligence of the classes whose privilege it has been to study under their direction. Next year, we have reason to believe, the number of students will be considerably increased.

The Library is in good order. It now contains 18,117 volumes, (128 volumes having been added during the year,) and provision has been made by the Board for increasing their number.

The buildings will this summer undergo such repairs as will place them in excellent condition.

The boarding department has been admirably managed, under the special superintendence of one of the professors, who gives to the Board the assurance that next year the cost to students for "board and washing" will be only fifteen dollars per month.

This flourishing Seminary deserves the continued prayers and benefactions of God's people, and seems to us to be fully answering the best expectations of the General Assembly under whose care it is placed.

By order of the Board.

J. R. WILSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT COLUMBIA, S. C.

The Faculty of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., respectfully report to the General Assembly, that the number of students in attendance on our instructions since September last has been twenty-six.

IN THE SENIOR CLASS.

W. R. Atkinson, of Spartanburg, S. C., graduate of South Carolina College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

B. L. Baker, of Liberty County, Ga., student of Oglethorpe University, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Atlanta.

W. W. Brimm, of Decatur, Ga., licentiate of the Presbytery of Atlanta.

Wm. N. Dickey, of Mecklenburg, N. C., graduate of Davidson College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Concord.

P. Gowan, Jr., of Orangeburg, S. C., and licentiate of the Presbytery of Charleston.

A. P. Nicholson, of Pickens County, S. C., student of South Carolina College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

C. M. Richards, of Arkansas, student of the University of Virginia, and candidate of the Presbytery of Arkansas.

W. Cuttino Smith, of Pendleton, S. C., student of the University of Virginia, and licentiate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

J. L. Wilson, of York District, S. C., graduate of Stewart College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

IN THE MIDDLE CLASS.

J. H. Douglass, of York District, S. C., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

L. K. Glasgow, of Newberry District, S. C., graduate of South Carolina College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

James F. Latimer, of Abbeville, S. C., student of Erskine College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

John Law, of Memphis, Tenn., candidate of the Presbytery of Memphis.

James L. Martin, M. D., of Fairfield District, student of South Carolina College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

John S. Moore, of Sumter County, Ala., graduate of the University of Mississippi, and candidate of the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa.

IN THE JUNIOR CLASS.

Eugene Daniel, of Raymond, Miss., student of Oakland College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Mississippi.

Hampden C. DuBose, of Darlington, S. C., graduate of the University of South Carolina, and candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

W. W. Evans, of Carlisle, Ky., graduate of Centre College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Ebenezer.

George T. Goetchius, of Columbus, Ga., graduate of the University of Georgia, and candidate of the Presbytery of Augusta.

Wm. M. Ingram, of Summerville, Tenn., student of the LaGrange College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Western District.

F. L. Leeper, of Columbiana, Ala., candidate of the Presbytery of South Alabama.

John T. McBryde, of Pendleton, S. C., graduate of the University of South Carolina, and candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Samuel M. Neel, of Somerville, Tenn., student of LaGrange College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Memphis.

John J. Read, of Raymond, Miss., student of Oakland College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Mississippi.

Richard D. Smart, of Beaufort District, S. C., graduate of Wofford College, and licensed preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

James S. White, of York District, S. C., graduate of the University of Virginia, and candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

Three of the young men named in our last report—Mr. John L. Caldwell, Mr. James W. Heath, and Mr. Samuel M. Richardson—have not rejoined their class during the present year; and Mr. Brimm, of the Senior Class, was present as a student of the Seminary only through the early portion of the term. The other students enumerated above as in the Senior Class finish their studies at this time, and go forth to their respective fields of labor.

The health of the students and Faculty has been good. The religious character and deportment of the students has been consistent and exemplary; their studies have been pursued with commendable diligence; and the spirit of missions, we have reason to believe, is on the increase.

At the request of the Faculty and with the approbation of several of the Directors, the Rev. Dr. Plumer visited the Synods of Georgia, Alabama, Memphis, and Mississippi, in October and November last, to lay before them the condition and prospects of the Seminary, and these Synods have given substantial proof of their continued interest in the institution and their readiness to aid in its support.

Imploring the presence of the divine Spirit in all your deliberations, we remain very respectfully your fellow-servants in the Lord.

In behalf of the Faculty,

GEO. HOWE, Chairman.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Columbia, May 10, 1869.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, COLUMBIA, S. C.

H. Muller, Treasurer, in account with Theological Seminary of Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

		DR.	
1868.			
May	11—To balance cash on hand.....	\$	19 77
	16—To John's Island church, Presbytery of Charleston.....		15 00
	20—To Zion church, Charleston.....		28 00
	Charleston Second church.....		23 00
	Prattville church, East Alabama Presbytery.....		25 00
	Presbytery of Harmony.....		38 25
	J. T. N. Atlanta Presbytery.....		5 00
	Selma church, South Alabama Presbytery.....		58 35
	Miss Mary A. Saye, Bethel ".....		4 00
	Nazareth church, South Carolina ".....		38 00
	Tuskaloosa church, Tuskaloosa ".....		50 00
	Elizabeth church, ".....		2 00
	Pleasant Ridge church, ".....		13 70
	Bethesda church, ".....		10 40
	Livingston church, ".....		10 00
June	5—To 4 coupons city Savannah bonds, \$35 each.....		140 00
	2 " " \$17.50 each.....		35 00
June	9—To a friend of Seminary, through Dr. Plumer.....		45 00
June	10—To ladies of Fairview church.....		24 00
July	2—To Dr. Plumer, towards salaries Drs. Howe and Adger.....		200 00
July	11—To 5 coupons city Mobile bonds, \$40 each.....		200 00
	Dividends on 38 shares Farmers' and Planters' Bank, Baltimore.....		37 58
July	13—To First Presbyterian church, Columbia, S. C.....		50 00
July	22—To Zion church, Charleston, Presbytery of Charleston.....		19 50
	Second " " ".....		18 00
	Rocky River church, Presbytery of South Carolina.....		11 10
	Friendship " " ".....		5 00
	Gainesville " " " Tuskaloosa.....		45 00
	Oak Grove " " " ".....		12 00
	New Hope " " " ".....		5 00
	Darlington " " " Harmony.....		1 00
	A friend of Seminary.....		10 00
July	25—To G. M. Thew, Agent.....		750 50
September	21—To Mrs. Horace Holden, through Dr. Plumer.....		100 00
October	14—To Bethesda church, Bethel Presbytery.....		12 00
October	22—To Mt. Zion " Harmony Presbytery.....		18 16
	Indian Town church, Harmony Presbytery.....		24 00
October	23—To Purity church, Bethel Presbytery.....		30 88
October	27—To Midway " Harmony ".....		10 00
	Rome " Cherokee " Georgia.....		30 00
November	14—To Marietta church.....		30 00
	T. M. McAfee, Bethel Presbytery.....		50 00
November	28—To Anderson C. H. church, Presbytery of South Carolina.....		10 00
	Bethany " " ".....		6 50
	Horeb " " " Harmony.....		10 00
	Camden " " " ".....		2 00
	Williamsburg " " " ".....		4 50
	Zion church, Charleston.....		23 45

		Etaw church, Tuscaloosa Presbytery.....	25 00
		Livingston church, ".....	10 00
		Concord " ".....	22 50
		Carthage " ".....	12 50
		Zion " Bethel ".....	7 30
		Cane Creek " ".....	2 50
November	30—To	Interest on Adams & Frost's two notes.....	1,308 06
December	2—To	collection at Talladega, at Synod.....	65 00
		Miss Kate E. Swann.....	10 00
		J. McD. and B. F. B., Manning church.....	10 00
		F. R. Fowler, New York.....	100 00
December	11—To	Gadsden church, Alabama.....	6 06
December	18—To	G. S. Richardson.....	5 00
		Mrs. Nott and daughter.....	5 00
		Mr. J. Hopkins.....	10 00
		Central church, Atlanta.....	51 40
December	21—To	John J. Gresham, Macon church, Georgia.....	60 00
		John English, interest on note.....	430 00
December	22—To	W. McKay, Albany, Georgia.....	100 00
		Mt. Olivet church.....	28 00
December	28—To	Memphis Presbytery.....	100 00
		Orangeburg church.....	20 25
December	28—To	Tomblockbee Presbytery.....	25 00
1860			
January	6—To	Barnwell church.....	12 10
January	7—To	Boersheba church.....	5 00
January	9—To	Washington church, Presbytery of Augusta.....	65 00
		Lexington " ".....	10 00
		Woodstock " ".....	5 00
January	11—To	Mineral Spring church, Georgia.....	10 00
January	12—To	5 coupons city Mobile bonds, \$40 each.....	200 00
		4 " " Savannah bonds, \$35 each.....	140 00
		2 " " " \$17.50 each.....	35 00
		Dividends on 33 shares Farmers' and Planters' Bank, Baltimore.....	49 50
January	18—To	a lady in Manning church.....	1 00
		Memphis Presbytery.....	150 00
		Holly Springs church, Mississippi.....	25 00
January	23—To	Little Mountain church, South Carolina Presbytery.....	4 00
		Nazareth (B. D.) " " " ".....	5 00
		Roberts " " " ".....	10 00
		Rock " " " ".....	11 75
		Rocky Spring " " " ".....	5 00
		Union Springs " East Alabama Presbytery.....	20 00
		Pleasant Hill " Augusta.....	5 80
		New Hope " ".....	5 00
		Sandy Creek " ".....	5 00
		Roswell " Cherokee.....	10 00
		Lagrange " Atlanta.....	15 00
		Decatur " ".....	10 00
		West Point " ".....	8 00
		Long Cane " ".....	5 00
		White Sulphur " ".....	3 00
		Zion " Charleston.....	12 50
		Second " ".....	19 00
		Jacksonville " East Alabama.....	15 50
		Tuscaloosa Presbytery.....	25 55
		Chickasaw ".....	25 00
		Douglass church, Bethel Presbytery.....	15 00
		Lancasterville church, Bethel Presbytery.....	3 00
		Waxhaw ".....	2 00
		Mrs. J. N. C.....	1 00
		Washington Street Presbyterian church, Greenville.....	18 00
		Griffin church, Georgia.....	20 00
January	27—To	Conyers ".....	5 00
		McDonough church, Georgia.....	3 00
		Carrollton ".....	2 00
		Rev. T. W. Erwin, of South Carolina.....	5 00
January	28—To	Monticello church, Florida.....	50 00
January	29—To	Dalton church, Cherokee Presbytery, Georgia.....	10 00
February	1—To	Quincy church, Presbytery of Florida.....	50 00
		Palatka ".....	12 00
		Kuchee Valley church, Presbytery of Florida.....	10 00
		Houston ".....	10 00
		Alken church, Charleston Presbytery.....	10 70
February	4—To	H. K. Corning, for salary Dr. P.....	100 00
		Church of Bolivar, Tennessee.....	50 00
		Captain A. Colclough.....	10 00
February	8—To	Athens church, Presbytery of Augusta.....	55 00
		Greensboro church, Presbytery of Augusta.....	30 00
		Bethany ".....	10 00
		Cedar Shoal " Bethel Presbytery.....	7 50
		A. friend, R. B. A.....	10 00
		J. Douglas.....	10 00
		Zion church, Presbytery of Charleston.....	26 75
		White Oak church, Presbytery of Atlanta.....	3 00
		Greenville ".....	3 75

		Newnan church, Pres. Atlanta.....	12 00
		Villa Rica " " ".....	1 00
		Clinton " " South Carolina.....	23 50
		Yazoo City " " Central Mississippi.....	15 00
		Fairview " " South Alabama.....	15 00
		Presbytery of Chickasaw.....	7 00
		Thomasville church, Presbytery of Savannah.....	31 00
February	9—To	Valdosta " " ".....	10 00
February	10—To	First Presbyterian church, New Orleans.....	250 00
February	11—To	church at Americus, Georgia.....	20 00
		Two friends of Seminary, through Rev. J. H. Nail.....	10 00
February	12—To	Waynesville church, Presbytery of Savannah.....	7 00
		Walthourville " " ".....	9 00
		Flemington " " ".....	10 00
		First church, Savannah.....	23 00
		Rev. E. McNair, Synod of Memphis.....	50 00
		Church of Albany, Synod of Georgia.....	10 00
February	17—To	St. Mary's church, Savannah Presbytery.....	7 00
		Mrs. E. R. Plowden, Brewington church.....	20 00
		Mr. Robert Thompson, Manning church.....	5 80
		Presbytery of Central Mississippi.....	20 00
		Bensalem church, Mississippi.....	4 90
		Smayna church, Macon Presbytery.....	5 00
February	20—To	Charleston Second church, Presbytery of Charleston.....	34 00
		Walterboro " " ".....	12 00
		Fairview church, South Carolina Presbytery.....	7 50
		Beersheba " Bethel Presbytery.....	2 53
		Micanopy " Florida ".....	15 00
		Bethlehem " " ".....	2 50
		Philadelphia church, North Mississippi Presbytery.....	10 00
		Presbytery of Mississippi.....	100 00
		Red River " " ".....	50 00
		Euharlee church, Pres. of Cherokee.....	10 00
February	23—To	Water Valley church, North Mississippi Pres.....	26 38
		College " " ".....	25 00
		Sand Spring " " ".....	10 00
		D. G. D. and family.....	30 00
February	24—To	Philadelphia church.....	10 00
February	25—To	Salem (L. R.) church.....	22 00
March	5—To	Stockton church, Savannah Pres.....	5 00
March	6—To	Walthourville church, Georgia.....	4 00
		Church of Fernandina, Pres. of Florida.....	20 00
		Chickamauga church, Cherokee Pres.....	10 00
March	9—To	Friends of Seminary in Bethel church, Bethel Pres.....	25 00
		S. L. W.....	10 00
March	10—To	Beech Island church.....	12 00
		20 coupons city Columbia bonds, \$15 each.....	300 00
March	11—To	Ebenezer church.....	6 00
		Florence church.....	44 25
March	15—To	Prytania Street church, New Orleans.....	117 00
		Washington church, Pres. of Augusta.....	15 00
		Monticello church, Pres. of Augusta.....	10 00
		Mt. Zion church, Pres. of Augusta.....	20 00
		Thyatira church, Pres. of Augusta.....	5 00
		Summerville " " Cherokee.....	5 00
		Alpine " " ".....	5 00
		Walnut Grove " " ".....	5 00
		Ebenezer " " Bethel.....	26 35
		Liberty Hill " " Harmony.....	10 00
		Samter " " ".....	7 00
		Pres. of Red River.....	20 00
		Rocky River church, Pres. of South Carolina.....	11 00
		Willington " " ".....	5 00
		Wetumpka " " East Alabama.....	20 00
		Tuskaloosa church, Pres. of Tuskaloosa.....	50 00
		Centre Ridge church, Pres. of South Alabama.....	5 00
		McKinley church, Pres. of South Alabama.....	2 50
		Adam's Grove church, Pres. of South Alabama.....	9 55
		Dayton church, Pres. of South Alabama.....	2 50
		Hopewell church, Pres. of South Alabama.....	5 00
		Bethesda church, Pres. of South Alabama.....	2 50
		Columbiana church, Pres. of South Alabama.....	2 50
		Harmony church, Pres. of Chickasaw.....	6 50
		Mt. Zion church, Pres. of Harmony.....	22 00
		Fair Forest church, Pres. of Bethel.....	10 00
March	17—To	Sciow church, Winnsboro.....	35 00
March	19—To	Stockton church, Savannah Pres.....	2 00
March	20—To	Olivet church, Bethel Pres.....	2 30
		Newton church, Macon Pres.....	7 00
March	22—To	Concord church, Harmony Pres.....	25 00
March	23—To	Beulah and Lynchburg churches, Harmony Pres.....	10 00
		Salem (L. R.) church.....	8 00
		Churches of Western District.....	50 00
March	27—To	church of Hebron and Homer.....	15 00
March	29—To	Yorkville church.....	25 00
		Lebanon church, Harmony Pres.....	25 00

		Horeb church, Harmony Pres.....	10 00
March	31—To	Bethany church, Pres. of Savannah.....	11 90
April	2—To	Cartersville church.....	10 00
April	5—To	Quitman church, Savannah Pres.....	11 00
		Mt. Pleasant church, South Alabama.....	10 75
		Zion church, Charleston.....	8 10
		Rev. W. Flinn, Pres. of Augusta.....	50 00
		Kingston church, Cherokee Pres.....	2 00
		Mobile Jackson Street church, South Alabama Pres.....	50 00
		Mobile Government Street church, South Alabama Pres.....	120 00
		Augusta church, Augusta Pres.....	358 00
		Montgomery church, East Alabama Pres.....	100 00
		Aimwell church, Harmony Pres.....	10 00
April	6—To	Central church, Charleston Pres.....	12 50
April	10—To	Waxhaw church, Bethel Pres.....	15 00
		Douglass church, Bethel Pres.....	2 00
		Lancaster C. H. church, Bethel Pres.....	8 00
April	13—To	Presbytery of South Carolina.....	200 75
		Miss M. M. Swann.....	10 00
		Rev. S. R. Frierson.....	5 00
April	14—To	Prattville church, East Alabama Pres.....	25 00
		Pensacola church, East Alabama Pres.....	10 00
April	15—To	James' Island church, Charleston Pres.....	12 50
		Stoney Creek church, Charleston Pres.....	5 00
		Wilton church, Charleston Pres.....	5 00
April	19—To	First Presbyterian church, Columbia, S. C.....	41 25
April	20—To	Kingston church, Harmony Pres.....	1 50
		Darlington church, Harmony Pres.....	13 00
		Manning church, Harmony Pres.....	4 00
		Reedy Creek church, Harmony Pres.....	25 00
		Little Pee Dee church, Harmony Pres.....	15 00
		Carolina church, Harmony Pres.....	15 00
		Red Bluff church, Harmony Pres.....	13 50
		Indian Town church, Harmony Pres.....	10 00
		Camden church, Harmony Pres.....	30 00
		Bennettville church, Harmony Pres.....	10 00
		Beaver Creek church, Harmony Pres.....	2 80
		Marion church, Harmony Pres.....	3 00
		Suwannee church, Pres. of Florida.....	5 00
		Kanapaha church, Pres. of Florida.....	4 00
		Bethlehem church, Pres. of Florida.....	2 00
April	21—To	Mt. Vernon, Pres. of Savannah.....	11 00
		Brunswick church, Savannah.....	5 50
April	23—To	Fishing Creek church.....	17 00
April	26—To	LaFayette church, Cherokee Pres.....	5 00
		Boersheba church, Cherokee Pres.....	5 00
		Sardis church, Cherokee Pres.....	5 00
		Bethel church, Cherokee Pres.....	5 00
		Tunnel Hill church, Cherokee Pres.....	2 00
		Elberton church, Pres. of Augusta.....	5 00
		Danielsville church, Pres. of Augusta.....	5 00
		Rev. T. P. Cleveland, Augusta.....	5 00
		Mrs. M. A. Glenn, Pres. of South Carolina.....	5 00
		John R. Bisland, Houma, La., New Orleans Pres.....	50 00
		LaFayette church, New Orleans Pres.....	50 00
		Zion church, Charleston Pres.....	8 50
		Pleasant Ridge church, Tuscaloosa Pres.....	25 00
		Bethesda church, Tuscaloosa Pres.....	9 25
		Oak Grove church, Tuscaloosa Pres.....	25 00
		Pres. of Red River.....	5 00
		Ebenezer church, J. R. Hall, Pres. of Bethel.....	20 00
		Ocala church, Pres. of Florida.....	10 00
		Hopewell church, Dr. D. B. Gregg, Harmony Pres.....	6 50
		Salem church, Pres. of South Alabama.....	4 00
		Concord church, Pres. of South Alabama.....	3 55
		Camden church, Pres. of South Alabama.....	10 00
		Centreville church, Pres. of South Alabama.....	5 00
		Scott's Grove church, Pres. of South Alabama.....	2 50
		Centre Ridge church, J. M. C., South Alabama.....	3 00
		Geneva church, Pres. of South Alabama.....	5 00
		Laurel church, Pres. of South Alabama.....	1 85
		Appling church, Presbytery of Augusta.....	1 00
April	27—To	Memphis Presbytery.....	100 00
		Tombeckhoe Presbytery, Aberdeen church.....	10 00
April	30—To	G. M. Thew, Agent.....	500 00
		Pachitta church, Macon Pres.....	20 00
May	3—To	3 Coupons G. & C. R. Bonds, \$17.50 each, less Gov't tax, 5 p. c., \$2.63.....	49 87
May	8—To	Friendship church, Atlanta Pres.....	5 00
		New Orleans Third church, New Orleans Pres.....	20 00
		New Orleans Thalia Street church, New Orleans Pres.....	20 00
		Pleghah church, Summit, Miss.....	5 00
		Pres. of Red River.....	20 00
		Augusta church, additional, J. A. Analey.....	25 00
		Anderson C. H. church, Pres. of South Carolina.....	27 50
		Rev. R. S. McAllister, Thibodeaux, La.....	5 00

\$10,580 10

May	10—To balance.....	\$2,004 16
C.R.		
1868.		
May	13—By Gen. James Gilliam, travelling expenses..... Rev. W. Flinn, " " J. A. Ansley, " " Rev. D. McQueen, " "	10 00 21 00 14 00 4 00
	Exchange.....	29
May	24—By Dr. Howe account salary for 1868..... Dr. Adger " " Dr. Leland " "	87 50 87 50 28 00
June	5—By E. J. Scott, for collection.....	1 30
June	10—By Dr. Howe account salary for 1868.....	67 50
June	11—By Dr. Plumer " " E. J. Scott, exchange.....	155 00 40
July	2—By Dr. Howe account salary for 1868..... E. J. Scott, collection and exchange.....	100 00 8 25
July	14—By H. Muller, Treasurer, salary to 1st instant..... Dr. Leland account salary for 1868.....	50 00 46 80
July	16—By Dr. Adger " " 20—By Dr. Howe " "	242 00 75 00
July	22—By Rev. W. Flinn, travelling expenses..... Rev. D. McQueen, travelling expenses.....	20 00 4 00
July	28—By Dr. Leland account salary for 1868.....	100 00
August	1—By Dr. Adger " " August	260 00
September	26—By Dr. Howe " " 21—By Dr. Plumer " "	250 00 425 00
October	1—By H. Muller, Treasurer, salary to 1st instant.....	50 00
November	28—By E. J. Scott, exchange.....	3 96
December	2—By E. J. Scott, exchange.....	1 75
December	2—By Dr. Howe account of salary for 1868..... Dr. Adger " " Dr. Plumer " " Dr. Leland " "	400 00 400 00 400 00 170 00
December	17—By Dr. Howe's order.....	35 00
December	20—By Scott, Williams & Co., exchange.....	55
December	22—By Dr. Plumer account of salary for 1868..... Dr. Howe " "	200 00 200 00
December	29—By Scott, Williams & Co., exchange.....	50
December	31—By Dr. Leland account salary for 1868.....	60 00
1869.		
January	6—By Dr. Adger account salary for 1868..... H. Muller, Treasurer, salary to 1st instant.....	200 00 50 00
January	12—By Scott, Williams & Co., collection..... Dr. Howe account salary for 1868..... Dr. Plumer " " Dr. Adger " "	8 13 250 00 250 00 250 00
January	13—By Dr. Leland " "	80 00
January	25—By Dr. Howe " "	140 00
January	26—By Dr. Adger " "	140 00
January	27—By Dr. Plumer " "	140 00
January	29—By Dr. Leland " "	45 00
February	1—By Scott, Williams & Co., exchange.....	1 57
February	4—By Dr. Plumer account salary for 1868.....	100 00
February	11—By Dr. Howe in full for salary for 1868..... Dr. Adger " "	191 91 191 91
February	12—By Dr. Plumer " "	91 91
February	17—By Dr. Leland " "	78 26
February	18—By Dr. Howe's order.....	10 70
March	10—By discount on city coupons..... Express freight.....	37 50 1 25
March	15—By Express freight.....	25
March	17—By Dr. Plumer account salary for 1869.....	300 00
March	27—By Dr. Howe " "	300 00
April	1—By H. Muller, Treasurer, salary to 1st instant..... Dr. Adger account salary for 1869.....	50 00 308 00
April	5—By Dr. Leland " " Dr. Howe in full for salary to 1st instant..... Dr. Adger " "	100 00 525 00 325 00
April	13—By Dr. Plumer " "	325 00
April	20—By Express freight.....	75
April	21—By Dr. Leland in full for salary to 1st instant.....	100 00
May	6—By Scott, Williams & Co., exchange.....	1 00
May	8—By Printing catalogue.....	53 00
	By balance.....	\$2,004 16
		\$10,580 16

\$10,580 19

PERKINS PROFESSORSHIP.

DR

		DR.
1868,		
May	11—To balance in coupons.....	\$ 1,080 00
July	3—To 30 coupons city Mobile bonds, \$40 each.....	1,200 00
Dec.	17—to " " " "	1,200 00
		\$3,480 00

\$3,490.00

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1868.			
July	3—By Dr. Woodrow account salary to July 1, 1868.....	\$1,200 00	
Dec.	17—By Dr. Woodrow salary in full to July 1, 1868.....	30 00	
	Dr. Woodrow account salary to January 1, 1869.....	1,400 00	—2,720 00
	Balance in coupons.....		\$ 760 00

EDUCATION ACCOUNT.

DR.

1868.			
May	11—To balance on hand (cash, \$521.10; coupons, \$480).....	\$1,007 10	
July	11—To Dividends on 100 shares F. and P. Bank, Baltimore.....	113 92	
July	22—To Rev. J. S. F., Tennessee.....	5 00	
	Mrs. M. S. G., Pres. of South Carolina.....	5 00	
	A friend.....	5 00	
July	25—To S. M. Beeson, Niles, Michigan.....	100 00	
October	27—To J. L. Wilson, cash returned.....	25 00	
	L. K. Glasgow, cash returned.....	45 00	
November	28—To Charleston 2d church, Pres. of Charleston.....	13 00	
	Charleston Circular church, Pres. of Charleston.....	2 00	
	Broadway church, Pres. of South Carolina.....	5 30	
November	30—To W. C. Smith, cash returned.....	25 00	
December	2—To Rev. Mr. Lowry, Selma, Ala., (Dr. P.),.....	100 00	
	Dr. Plumer, excess of expenses.....	36 07	
December	3—To S. Waddell, Columbia, S. C.....	10 00	
	F. L. Leeper, cash returned.....	25 00	
December	5—To Mrs. Colt, Mayesville.....	15 00	
December	12—To Laurens C. H. church, for repairs of Hall.....	11 86	
December	16—To Rev. A. J. Loughridge, (Dr. Howe),.....	129 20	
1869.			
January	12—To Dividends on 100 shares F. and P. Bank, Baltimore.....	150 00	
January	23—To Broadway church, South Carolina Pres.....	8 00	
	Honea Path " " " ".....	2 00	
	Aveleigh " " " ".....	26 80	
	A friend.....	5 00	
January	26—To S. M. Neel, cash returned.....	30 00	
April	20—To J. F. Latimer, cash returned.....	36 00	
April	22—To Mrs. K., Atlanta.....	13 25	
April	23—To F. L. Leeper, cash returned.....	25 00	
April	26—To Mrs. M. A. Glenn, Pres. of South Carolina.....	5 00	
May	8—To Ladies' Society, Carmel, South Carolina Pres.....	16 00	
	Mrs. A. Newton, for rent, through Dr. Howe.....	15 00	
			\$2,002 70

1869.		
May	10—To balance, (coupons, \$480, and cash, \$233.23,).....	\$713 23
		CR.

1868-9.		
May 14, 1868, to May 10, 1869—By cash paid students, etc.....	\$1,289 47	
Balance.....	713 23	

\$2,002 70

H. MULLER, TREASURER.

Columbia, May 12, 1869.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN VIRGINIA.

The Directors report to the General Assembly that the Faculty of the institution remains as in May, 1868, as follows, to wit:

Rev. S. B. WILSON, D. D., President and Professor of Systematic Theology.

Rev. R. L. DABNEY, D. D., Professor (Assistant) of Systematic and Polemic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric.

Rev. B. M. SMITH, D. D., Professor of Oriental and Biblical Literature.

Rev. T. E. PECK, D. D., Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Polity.

The Board of Directors consists of the following, viz.: From the Synod of Virginia—Ministers—S. D. Stuart, C. H. Read, D. D., H. C. Alexander, J. H. Fitzgerald, Wm. Brown, D. D., W. H. Foote, D. D., J. J. Bullock, D. D., and H. M. White. Ruling Elders—A. G. McIlwaine, C. C. Read, E. M. Armstrong, and C. L. Peyton. From the Synod of North Carolina—Ministers—F. H. Johnston, J. M. Atkinson, S. A. Stanfield, J. Rumble, E. Hines, J. P. McPherson, J. H. Smith, and J. M. Sherwood. Ruling Elders—E. N. Hutchison, M. V. Lanier, N. M. Roan. [Elder J. G. Shepherd died since May, 1868.]

The number of students in attendance during the past year has been twenty-six; and the following have completed the course of study prescribed by the institution, to wit: J. B. Converse, of Virginia; A. Cowan, of Tennessee; W. E. Hill, of Virginia; H. R. Laird, of Virginia; W. D. Morton, of Virginia; J. S. Young, of Tennessee.

The report of the Committee of Examination was most satisfactory, indicating great fidelity on the part of the professors, and diligence and proficiency on the part of the students.

The Library consists of 5,800 volumes, 91 of which have been presented during the year. The Trustees have taken steps to procure plans for a library building. Donations (to the amount of \$3,000, in public securities,) have been made by J. L. Weeks, J. T. Soutter, and W. C. Gilman, Esqs., to the Library fund, since May, 1868. The Directors receive with great satisfaction these manifestations of interest, on the part of the friends of the Seminary, in the Library.

Finances.—The funds are in such a condition that it is hoped that the incomes from the investments will be sufficient to pay the salaries and current expenses of the institution. The invested funds from which this income is derived are of the nominal value of \$145,875.01; but it is proper to add, that in the disturbed condition of public affairs, a portion of our securities may be unavailable for income during the next fiscal year.

In addition to the Scholarships, complete and incomplete, heretofore reported, the Directors take pleasure in reporting a friend of the Seminary, of Massachusetts, has recently generously given us a certificate of Virginia registered debt for \$4,000, to found a scholarship under the style and title of the "Anthony Charles Cazenove Scholarship." The "Olyphant" Scholarship has been paid by the Messrs. David, G. T. and R. M. Olyphant, amounting to \$3,000.

The donations, together with those made to the Library fund, by Christian friends residing north of the Potomac River, call for thankfulness to God that he has raised up these friends of our beloved Seminary in that region of our country.

The Constitution and Plan of the Seminary.—The Directors and Trustees have found it necessary to revise the "Constitution and Plan" of the institution, to bring it in harmony with the provisions of the act of incorporation granted by the Legislature of Virginia. This amended "Constitution and Plan" is herewith submitted *for the approval of the General Assembly*, and the Assembly is respectfully requested to approve the same at its meeting in 1869.

On a review of the history of the Seminary during the past scholastic year, and in its present hopeful condition, the Directors feel authorised to call on the Assembly, the Synods, and the followers of Christ, to unite in grateful thanks to the Head of the Church that he has continued to give us so many evidences of his favor. The past success of the institution and its usefulness to the Church call for renewed effort and zeal in building up this school of the prophets. The Directors can, with confidence and sincerity, say to the Church, that Union Theological Seminary presents to her young men, who are preparing for the noble work of preaching the gospel, advantages of a high order in the prosecution of their studies.

Above all, let the Assembly and the Synods call upon each member of our Church to pray to the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth more laborers into his harvest.

By order of the Directors.

C. C. READ, Secretary.

The officers of the Directors and Trustees are: Rev. S. A. Stanfield, of Virginia, President; Rev. Dr. W. H. Foote, of West Virginia, and A. G. McIlwaine, Esq., of Virginia, Vice-Presidents; C. C. Read, of Farmville, Virginia, Secretary; and F. N. Watkins, of Farmville, Virginia, Treasurer.

The post office address of the Faculty and Students is "Hampden Sidney, Virginia."

PRAYER FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States fully recognises the efficacy of the prayers of God's people, and the necessity for divine guidance in its own deliberations; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the General Assembly recommend to all the churches under its care to offer special prayer during the devotion of the Sabbath preceding the meeting of the General Assembly in each year, that God would of great mercy so give the General Assembly the wisdom that cometh from above, and so direct all its plans, discussions, and decisions, as to promote his own glory, and advance the kingdom of Jesus in the earth.

Resolved, 2. That the above preamble and resolution be printed annually in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

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MINISTERS, LICENTIATES, AND CANDIDATES.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Communicants added on Examination.	Communicants added on Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Children in S. S. and Bible Classes.	Funds raised for Sustentation.	Funds raised for Foreign Missions.	Funds raised for Education.	Funds raised for Publication.	Presbyterial.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
SYNOD OF ALABAMA.															
1. <i>Pres. of East Alabama.</i>															
R. C. Smith, Professor,	Talimage, Ga.	Wetumpka, P.	2	4	69		5	75	28	11	40	1	20	1449	
J. M. McKee, Evangelist,	Prattville, Ala.	Union Springs, P.	2	10	101				19	23	38		20	1336	
G. R. Foster, P.	Union Springs, "	Bethel, P.	1	187			4		17	6			11	500	
F. McMurray, P.	Arbor Vite, "	Montgomery, P.	15	19	225	6	16	355	150	155	302		85	2600	1046
G. H. W. Petrie, D. D., P.	Montgomery, "	Prattville, P.	6	13	96			300	85	48	56	10		1100	211
J. K. Hazen, P.	Tuskegee, "	Sandy Ridge, S. S.			100				10						
R. Nell, D. D., Evangelist,	Fort Deposit, "	Lebanon, S. S.						35			6	1	8		
Wm. Swift, S. S.	Chambers C. H., Ala.	Lafayette, S. S.			6						5	1			
H. L. Harvey,	" "	Mt. Pisgah, S. S.			28										
J. L. Reed, D. M.	" "	New Harmony, S. S.			50						2	6	17		
	Hackneyville, "	Good Hope, S. S.	2	3	89	1	1	40	8	10	18		8	150	25
C. A. Baker, P. E.	Benton, "	Auburn, S. S.			22			20							
G. L. Petrie, S. S.	Montgomery, "	Unity, S. S.	3	4	12										
J. M. McLean, D. M.	Auburn, "	Corinth, S. S.			49				15					112	
T. Root, Chaplain,	Fayetteville, "	Milton, S. S.	21												50
	Wetumpka, "	Bagdad, S. S.			59										75
	Bradford, Fla.	Orion, V.			32	1		43	40	25	10	5	25	550	
J. N. Lewis, S. S.	Milton, "		4		11	1		40	30	15	10	5	15	500	
W. A. Carter, P.	Bagdad, "		7	3	30	1	14	80	10	20	10	5	50	1561	
	Pensacola, "				32										
	Orion, Ala.														

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W. J. Lowry, P. J. S. Arbuthnot, P.	Claiborne, Selma, Marion, Uniontown, Mobile, Mobile,	Ala. " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	20 1 5	13 31 23	15 230 31	5 5 2	10 1 10	230 59 1	336 8 1	315 3 1	103 15 1	63 4 1	25 8 3	6324 500 400	329 10
J. H. Rice, D. D., W. C. Wm. Nell, D. M. A. B. McCorkle, S. S. D. P. Smith, S. S.	Talladega, Jacksonville, Gadsden, Spring Garden, Leeburg, Jacksonville,	" "	3 2 4 1	7 1 22 100	133 96 22 100	1 1 1	7 2 2	115 25 2	40 15 2	49 6 2	224 15 6	45 6 6	30 6 3	4032 375 800	11 20 25 6
N. Hood, S. S.	Leeburg, Jacksonville, Fayetteville, Bradford's Factory,	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	2 2 2 1	2 2 2 1	25 25 130 130	2 1 5	2 1 9	2 25 2	2 15 2	2 6 4	4 15 200	4 6 2	50 7 6	50 150 200	50 6 200
J. M. McLean, S. S.	Centerville, Columbiana, Selma, Newbern, Airmount, Camden, Prairie Bluff, Cahaba, Dayton, Cahaba, Stockton, Mobile, Oxford, Silver Run, Eustaboga, Weanunga,	" "	5 3 1 1 1 6 3 5 1 1 3	33 15 67 14 33 64 18 33 11 181 27 27 63 33	33 15 67 14 33 64 18 33 11 181 27 27 63 33	1 5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	9 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	3 2 2 30 135 83 6 6 52 119 99	3 2 3 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200	90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90
			74	62	2710	21	81	1114	\$1590	\$998	\$1527	\$341	\$341	\$30991	\$1790

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Candidates—5.

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3. <i>Presbytery of Tuscaloosa.</i>																
Eutaw,	Ala.	Bethlehem, S. S.	3	22	2	160	123	146	122				11	1218	338	
N. R. Morgan, S. S.	"	Gainesville, P.		98	40	8	20	5	43	9	11	300	14	55	27	
C. A. Stillman, D. D., P.	"	Oak Grove, S. S.		56					8		8	237	27	278	31	
J. Somerville, S. S.	"	Sardis, S. S.		20	5	1	30		35		18	278	21	234	75	
T. S. Winn, P.	"	Mount Zion, P.	1	20	1	35	16		28		6					
		Concord, P.		65												
		Carthage, P.		20												
B. F. Peters, W. C.	"	Tuscaloosa, S. S.	3	86	1	4	40	25	70	8	18	1000	300			
W. L. Kennedy, S. S.	"	Eutaw, P.	4	3	80	1	2	42	26		10	15	15	1250	22	
D. D. Sanderson, P.	"	Greensboro, S. S.	4	2	50	2	2	50	26		10	15	350	22		
C. M. Hutton, P.	"	Pleasant Ridge, P.	6	2	85	3	2	93	6		21	13	581	103		
		Bethesda, P.	1	31	3	18	5	5	21	18	1	310	16			
M. J. McLean, S. S.	"	Hebron, S. S.		40												
		Mount Olivet, S. S.	1	59	1	30	3		6		4	120				
		Pickensville, S. S.		14			2					50				
J. W. Phillips, S. S.	"	Memphis, S. S.		10	3	20	11		5			60				
W. B. Bingham, P.	"	Demopolis, S. S.	3	1	26	1	21		18	8	6	349				
		Livingston, S. S.	1	47	4	45	25	12	30	13	13	565	337			
		Ebenezer, P.	1	4	63	20	6	13	9		11	400	80			
		New Hope, P.		42	1	25	4		6	3	6	350	6			
		Hadden, S. S.		65												
		Oxford, V.		60												
		Elizabeth, V.		55												
		Bethel, V.		122												
		Elyton, V.														
		Cedar Grove, V.														
		Luxuepellilla, V.														
		Carrollton, S. S.														
--28.			1	12	13	1							4	432	20	
			27	27	1249	8	32	648	\$371	\$252	\$577	\$85	\$148	\$8099	\$1382	
--11.																
Candidates--3.																
SYNOD OF ARKANSAS.																
A. <i>Presbytery of Arkansas.</i>																
J. W. Moore, S. S.	Ark.	Austin,	7	2	70	3	3	50	16		14		6	255		
Thos. R. Welch, P.	"	Little Rock,	10	12	132	4	9	175	115	250	225		33	12000	103	
S. W. Davies, P.	"	Cotton Plant,	3	5	74	2	5	30	100	66	107	23	18	600		
		Augusta, S. S.	1	2	26				40	22	31	27	6	275		
J. W. McCord,	"	New Hope,	3	27				100	3	4	1	2		270		

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L. J. Long,	Batesville,	Van Buren, V.	4	1	21	2	6	60	10	50	24	35	7	802	80
R. W. Shive,	"	Batesville.	2	2	18	18	2	52	52	8	7		4	180	
H. C. Brown, P.	Centre Hill,	Searcy Valley.	1	1	34	1	7	20	16	9	28	9	8	1400	
J. C. Kennedy,	Clarendon,	Macedonia, P.	3	3	18	5	30	30	48				4	550	
	Des Arc,	Des Arc.	1	1	45	1	7	25	12	30			11	275	
J. S. Willbanks,	Dardanelle,	Watkinsaw.	7	2	32			15	25	5			8	250	
D. C. Bogg,	Jacksonport,	Dardanelle.	1	4	30		1	40	100	40	29	35	7		
P. Calhoun,	Fort Smith,	Jacksonport.	1	2	10							2			
	Fort Smith,	Bethel, S. S.	1	9	43	1		115	10			10	10	1300	150
W. A. Sample, S. S.	"	Brownsville.	1	3	24	1	3	25	30	13	20	10	6	1300	50
T. W. White,	Helena,	Helena.	1	1	10	1			5		3	20	2	250	
	"	Searcy.	3	8	17	1	2		50		5	3		70	
<i>Licentiate</i> —1.	"	Mount Hope.	4		22										
<i>Candidate</i> —1.	"	Beulah.			20										
	"	Norristown.													
	"	Powhatan.													
—23.			47	60	701	16	48	670	\$647	\$497	\$494	\$176	\$136	\$19777	\$383
2. <i>Presbytery of Indiana.</i>															
C. Kingsbury, D. D.	Wheelock,	Pine Ridge, S. S.	2		34	1	8	20	15	10		10			
S. Foreman,	Tablequah,	Spencer Academy, S. S.	2		62										
A. Reid,	Wheelock,	"													
H. Belentine,	Tablequah,	"													
C. C. Copeland,	Wheelock,	Wheelock, S. S.	10	1	80	4	8	25	4	18		1			
O. P. Stark,	Paris, Texas,														
A. Wright,	Boggy Depot,	Chickasaw, S. S.			18										
T. H. Benton,	Skullyville,	Lenox, S. S.	67		92	30	25								
J. M. Ferryman—9.	Mico, Creek Nation,														
<i>Licentiate</i> —1.															
Elijah Brewer,	Spring Bluff, C. N.	Living Land, V.	5		69										
		Wapahuck, V.	18		18										
		Mt. Fork, V.	5		20	8	10								

1	17	30	16	\$28	\$14	\$203	\$714	\$317
173	4 700	58	66	75	\$35			
34	2 99	10	6			40	20	673
	1 75	5	64	10	42	41	20	1360
2	6 34	1	30	12	15	12	8	190
1	1 50		20	14		12	5	225
2	26	6	40	19	9	45	10	50
6	15	5	20	3	3	33	3	425
8	1 66	2	3	20	15	16	10	300
4	8 67	1	6	75			15	550
	17						5	
8	3 52	2	3	61	20	25	15	1015
8	2 63	5	8	20	20	32	25	535
12	7 43	5	6	50		12	10	200
	33					18	5	300
	16							
4	3 87	2	40	17		31	10	300
	22					8	5	75
6	7 84	2	7	50	16	81	15	1000
-11	4 15	3	9	25	5	25	5	650
	30					7	10	66
	10					5		
	3					2		
	4					2		
106	46 959	30	68	515	\$179	\$145	\$91	\$203
								\$714
								\$317

Mt. Zion, V.
Good Water, V.
Good Land, V.
Chish-Oktak, V.
Bennington, V.
Six Town, V.
Jack's Fork, V.
Mt. Pleasant, V. —16.

Washington, Ark.
Arkadelphia, " "
Mount Holly, " "
Wellsville, " "
Washington, " "
Arkadelphia, " "
Three Creeks, " "
Three Creeks, " "
Monticello, " "
Pine Bluff, " "
Johannes, " "
Warren, " "
Hamburg, " "
Princeton, " "
Tulip, " "
Princeton, " "
Balf's Bluff, " "
Branchville, " "
Mount Holly, " "
El Dorado, " "
Camden, " "
Camden, " "
Brownsville, " "
El Dorado, " "
Brush Creek, Iowa, —17.

3. *Presbytery of Ouachita.*

S. Williamson, D. D., P.
A. L. Crawford, S. S.
M. A. Patterson, S. S.
M. J. Wallace, S. S.
Samuel Orr, S. S.
Thomas M. Boyd, S. S.
J. A. Dickson, P.
E. McNair, S. S.
David Kerr, S. S.
J. F. Watson, S. S.
J. M. Brown, S. S.
George E. Engleton, S. S.
J. R. Gilland, S. S.
A. P. Henderson, S. S.
W. S. Lacy, W. C., (*infirm*)
J. M. Hoge, W. C.
L. Murray, Candidate—1.

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3. <i>Presbytery of Cherokee.</i>															
N. A. Pratt, D. D., P.	Rowell, Ga.	Rowell, P.	1	5	65		1		38	63	24	20	13	450	53
A. Y. Lockridge, P.	Ringgold, "	Chickamauga, P.	2	4	64	1	4		20					200	10
	"	Tunnel Hill, S. S.	4	7	22	1	1							2	2
T. C. Crawford, P.	Dirt Town, "	Bethel, P.	4	1	66	1	1		5		10			250	5
	"	Sardin, P.			61		6		10		10			250	5
A. G. Johnson, S. S.	Euharlee, "	S. S.	18	17	109	3	3		6		33			303	10
J. W. Baker, D. M.	Marietta, "	Euharlee, "	2	1	16	1	1		8	9	5		1	60	4
	"	Adairville, "	2	3	18	1	1		9	10			1	50	2
	"	New Lebanon, "	3	2	15				3					25	
R. M. Baker, D. M.	Lafayette, "	Lafayette, "	1	2	55				10	5	10	5	4	100	11
	"	Armuchee, "	1	2	12										
	"	Pea Vine, "			18										
R. F. Taylor, P.	Summerville, Ga.	Summerville, P.			50		2				10			250	8
	"	Walnut Grove, P.			70		3							150	30
	"	Alpine, P.		2	54		5							200	10
	"	Beerheba, S. S.													
S. E. Axson, P.	Rome, "	Rome, P.	6	18	137	3	7	100	208	94	56	70	20	1797	1913
R. W. Milner, S. S.	Acworth, "	Mars Hill, S. S.	8	4	80	2	5	60	10		10			280	
	"	Midway, "		4	39		2	40	4	1			3	60	
H. C. Carter, "	Dalton, "	Spring Place, "													
	"	Red Clay, "													
R. H. Walton, W. C.	Cassville, "	Dalton, "	1	6	55	1					5		2	190	
J. L. Rogers, S. S.	Marietta, "	Cartage, "													
	"	Harmony, "													
D. L. Buttolph, P.	Marietta, "	Marietta, P.	6	10	141	3	1	110	40	53	70		30	1300	387
Theo. E. Smith, S. S.	—14. Cartersville, "	Friendship, S. S.	5	4	48				10		30		4	375	186
		Manassas, V.		9											
		Floyd Spring, V.													
		Cedar Valley, V.													
Candidates—2.		—20.													
			61	90	1294	15	43	310	\$381	\$235	\$268	\$95	\$79	\$6111	\$2636
4. <i>Presbytery of Florida.</i>															
James Little, P. E.	Quincy, Fla.	Quincy, P. E.	10	4	140	4	12	163	18	11	8	10	28	1160	\$85

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
John E. DuBose, P.	Tallahassee, "	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
Donald Fraser, P. E.	Monticello, "	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
Wm. H. Crane, D. M.	Quincy, "	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
E. Lee, W. C.	Manatee, "	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
Wm. P. Harrison, S. S.	Eucheeana, "	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
T. L. DeVeaux, P. E.	Jacksonville, Fla.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
S. F. Halliday, W. C.	Newnanville, Fla.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
Jos. Brown, W. C.	Tampa, "	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
J. W. Montgomery, S. S.	Ocala, "	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
W. B. Telford, S. S.	Live Oak, "	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
A. Baker, P.	Fernandina, "	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
T. A. Carruth, S. S.	Wellborn, "	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
W. J. McCormick, P. E.	Gainesville, "	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
C. Kenmore, W. C.	"	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
John Woodruff.	—15. Tallahassee, "	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
B. L. Baker.	Licentiate—2.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
5. Presbytery of Macon.	Macon, Ga.	1	2																																																																																																		

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A. H. Mathes, S. S. Wm. McKay, S. S. —13. Albany, Candidates—2.	Fort Gaines, Ga. " Albany, " " " "	Fort Gaines, S. S. Albany, S. S. Emmaus, V. Lumpkin, V. Mount Zion, V. Perry, V. —17.	37	38	969	12	50	510	\$801	\$266	\$364	\$62	\$177	\$9362	\$230
5. <i>Presbytery of Savannah.</i> D. H. Porter, P.	Savannah, Ga. Waynesville, Ga.	Savannah First ch., P. Waynesville, S. S.	9	9	89	3	4	50	240	74	16	18	12	2755	136
H. B. Cunningham, D. D., S. S.	" " " "	St. Mary's S. S., Darien, V.	1	1	11			10	11		14	6	10	475	
R. Q. Way, P. N. P. Quarterman, P.	" " " "	Bryan Neck, V. Mt. Vernon, P. Walthourville, P.	2	4	65		4	26	6	6	6	6	6	480	8
	" " " "	Flemington, P.	3	6	75		3	35	16	6	13	6	6	309	
	" " " "	Brunswick, V.	4	1	82	3	2	70	12	39	10	2	5	225	
D. Comfort, P.	" " " "	Bethany, P.	2	1	20		3	50	4	1	18	2	7	120	3
	" " " "	Boston, Thomas Co., Ga.	3	3	21		3	30	16	7	13	6	11	400	7
	" " " "	Climax, Decatur " "	2	3	40		4	70	55	23	51	21	11	650	30
A. W. Clinby, P. J. H. Alexander, P.	Bainbridge, Thomasville, Quitman, Valdosta, Socoton, Savannah, Savannah, Marianna, Fla.	Bainbridge, V. Thomasville, P. Quitman, P. Valdosta, P. Socoton, S. S. (Ind. P. church, Sav.) (White Bluff Cong. ch.)	2	75	2	2	4	30	10	8	20	2	7	325	16
I. S. K. Axton, D. D., P. C. B. King, S. S. W. E. Hamilton, W. C. J. McKittrick, (in trans.) W. C. Licentiate—1. —11. J. W. Quarterman, Candidate—1.	" " " "	Waynesville, " " " "	3	6	47	1	3	35	14	7	16	2	7	235	101
	" " " "	" " " "	9	9	627		9	456	\$395	\$171	\$190	\$63	\$96	\$6066	\$200

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.

1. *Presbytery of Central Ohio.*

Robert Morrison, S. S.
C. C. Bomberger, Evangelist,
Robert Bell, S. S.
A. M. Cowan, Evangelist, —4.

Levering's, Ohio.
Wakatomika, Ohio,
West Carlisle, "
Urbana,

3. *Presbytery of Ebenezer.*

J. E. Spilman, P.

B. M. Hobson, S. S.

J. M. Evans, P.

J. T. Leonard, S. S.

W. G. White, S. S.

H. M. Scudder, P.

J. M. Scott, S. S.

J. D. McClintock, S. S.

L. H. Blanton, P. E.

J. C. Bayless, D. D., S. S.

Edward Kells, S. S.

C. H. Dobbs, P. E. —12.

Mayaville, Ky.

Augusta, "

Mayaslick, "

Mt. Sterling, "

Crittenden, "

Elizaville, "

Carlisle,

Cattlettsburg, Ky.

Paris, "

Grayson,

Greensburg, Ky.

Washington, "

Waterford, S. S.
Wakatomika, V. S.
West Carlisle, S. S.
North Liberty, S. S.
Bladensburg, S. S. —5.

Mayaville, P.

Augusta, S. S.

Mayaslick, P.

Gilfeed, S. S.

Richwood, S. S.

Elizaville, P.

Carlisle, S. S.

Cattlettsburg, S. S.

Paris, P. E.

Springfield, V.

Greensburg, S. S.

Washington, P. E.

Millersburg, V.

Moorefield, S. S.

Sharpsburg, S. S.

Flemingsburg, S. S.

New Hope, V.

Greenup Union, S. S.

Lebanon, S. S.

Sharon, S. S.

Crittenden, V.

Concord, V. —22.

Owensboro, Ky.

Hobbs' Station, Ky.

Bloomfield, Ky.

Owensboro, P.

Middletown, S. S.

Big Spring, P.

1	8	34	3	40		24	8	12	10	950	
1	4	33								8	
2	3	19	1	20		6	6			108	
	8	27		35			6			802	
4	23	125	1	4	95		\$30	\$20	\$10	\$1868	
8	50		2							300	
9	2	185	5	60	100				10	1200	
18	4	130	4	119	106	30		50	15	2500	
1	12										
		16			50						
										500	
36	6	498	9	7	179	\$306	\$30	\$50	\$25	\$4500	
11	6	84	5	5	60	297				250	145

3. *Presbytery of Louisville.*

H. H. Hopkins, D. D., P.

W. W. Hill, D. D., S. S.

J. N. Saunders, P.

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B. H. McCown, Teacher, M. G. Knight, W. C. Francis Thornton, W. C. Stuart Robinson, P. Edward Wurtz, W. C. W. T. McElroy, P. S. L. Nourse, S. S. S. R. Wilson, D. D., P. J. V. Cobby, S. S. & Teacher, S. B. McPheeters, D. D., P. W. Hall, S. S. John S. Grasty, P. L. P. Yandell, W. C. Samuel Boyd, Teacher, John L. Stuart, F. M. Philip H. Thompson, S. S. B. Helm, F. M. P. P. Flournoy, P.	Hobbs' Station, Ky. Goshen, Ky. Louisville, Ky. " " " " Owensboro, Ky. Louisville, Ky. Bardstown, Ky. Shelbyville, Ky. Carrollton, Ky. Shelbyville, Ky. Louisville, Ky. Winchester, Ky. Hanchou, China, Louisville, Ky. Hanchou, China, Louisville, Ky. —21. Elizabethtown, Ky.	Jeffersonstown, S. S. Goshen, S. S. Pann Run, V. 2d church, P. Pleaserville, V. Westminster, P. Lewisport, S. S. 1st church, P. S. Bardstown, P. S. Mulberry, P. Carrollton, S. S. Shelbyville, P. Walnut Street, V. Taylorsville, V. Cane Run & Plumb Ck. Portland Avenue, S. S. Hodgenville, V. Elizabethtown, P. Cloverport, V. Shiloh and Olivet, V. Hebron. Franklin, S. S. Red Mills. Rock Spring, S. S. Lawrenceburg, S. S. Hawesville, V. Westport, S. S.	141	60	1230	50	81	1030	\$1972	\$858	\$573		\$50	\$16340	\$3852
<i>Licentiates—1.</i> R. C. McGee, J. W. Heagen, J. J. Abernathy, J. Rule,	Hobbs' Station, Ky. Elizabethtown, Ky. Henderson, Ky. Goshen, Ky.	—30. Greenville, V. Franklin, P. Bowling Green, Ky. Henderson, Ky. Hopkinsville, S. S.	5	9	21	31	139	297	500	30					
<i>Presbytery of Mchlenburg.</i> Isaac Bard, W. C. W. G. Rice, P. R. K. Smoot, P. W. A. Harrison, P. H. M. Painter, D. M.	Greenville, Ky. Franklin, Ky. Bowling Green, Ky. Henderson, Ky. Hopkinsville, Ky.														

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W. D. Symington, S. S.	Campbells-ville, Ky.	Bethel, S. S.													
J. C. Tate, S. S.	Edmonton, Ky.	Edmonton, S. S.													
D. P. Young, P.	Glasgow, Ky.	Glasgow, S. S.													
—14.	McAfee P. O., Ky.	New Providence, P.													
	Salvisa, Ky.	Salvisa, S. S.													
	Perryville, Ky.	Perryville, S. S.													
	Harrodsburg, Ky.	Mt. Pleasant, S. S.													
	Munfordsville, Ky.	Manfordsville.													
	Columbia, Ky.	Columbia.													
	Greensburg, Ky.	Greensburg.													
	Somerset, Ky.	Pisgah, V.													
		Ebenezer, S. S.													
		Hart.													
		Burkaville.													
		Cave City.													
—27.															
7. Presb'y of West Lexington.	Lexington, Ky.	1st church, P.			100								20		
J. D. Matthews, D. D., P.	Georgetown, Ky.	Walnut Hill, P.			25								29	510	
F. G. Strahan, S. S.	Lexington, Ky.	2d church, V.			224					180			25	30	30
E. Foreman, P.	"	Bethel, P.			80		1	60	193		25		26	1150	30
J. G. Simrall, S. S.	"	Pisgah, P.			30								30	1150	150
M. Van Lear, P.	Versailles, Ky.	Versailles, P.			84	3	40	40	65				25	1500	150
R. Douglass, P.	"	Midway, P.		5	100	2	10	60	70		20		25	1100	100
W. George, P.	Georgetown, Ky.	Georgetown, P.		8	90	6	5	60			53		25	1200	
W. R. Brown, P.	Winchester, Ky.	Winchester, P.		15	68	3	2	35	120				8		
S. W. Cheney, P.	Mt. Sterling, Ky.	Mt. Sterling, S. S.		4	30							15		510	
S. W. Price, S. S.	Lexington, Ky.	Leeburg, V.		3	10									402	83
	Lexington, Ky.	Mt. Horeb, S. S.			64										
	Cynthiana, Ky.	Cynthiana, V.			35										
	Broadwell, Ky.	Mt. Pleasant, V.			30										
	Clifton, Ky.	Maedonia, V.			9										
	Nicholasville, Ky.	Nicholasville, V.			102										

Candidates—3.

			28	16	1854	14	60	255	\$448	\$227	\$98	\$15	\$197	\$6372	\$363
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1. <i>Presbytery of Chickasaw.</i>															
T. C. Stuart, W. C. (<i>infirm</i>)															
A. M. Mooney, W. C. (<i>infirm</i>)															
Wm. A. Gray, P.															
L. B. Gaston, in <i>transit</i> ,															
J. N. Waddel, D. D., Ch. U. M.															
F. Patton, S. S.															
J. A. Kimmons, S. S.															
O. F. Rogers, S. S.															
J. H. Gaillard, P.															
J. D. West, P. E.															
Thos. Morrow, D. M.															
Wm. H. Mitchell, D. D., P.															
B. N. Sawtelle, S. S.															
Dry Ridge, Ky.															
Oxford, "															
Stoner, "															
Chilesburg, "															
Troy, "															
Newtown, "															
Little Eagle, "															
Boyd's Station, "															
Warsaw, "															
Shanghan's Station, Ky.															
Station, V.															
Woodford, V.															
Green Creek, V. —29.															
Williamstown, V.															
Providence, S. S.															
Union, V.															
Salem, S. S.															
Clear Creek, V.															
Cherry Springs, S. S.															
Beard's, V.															
Boyer's, V.															
Gaston, V.															
Oak Forest.															
Ripley, P.															
Walnut Creek, S. S.															
Corinth, V.															
Oxford, S. S.															
Hopewell, "															
Lebanon, "															
New Hope, "															
Bethany, "															
Ebenezer, "															
Providence, "															
Zion, P.															
Unity, S. S.															
New Albany, S. S.															
Pontotoc, P. E.															
Harmony, S. S.															
Monroe, "															
Somerville, "															
Fairview, "															
Florence, P.															
Decatur, V.															
Tuscumbia, S. S.															

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1. *Presbytery of Chickasaw.*T. C. Stuart, W. C. (*infirm*)A. M. Mooney, W. C. (*infirm*)

Wm. A. Gray, P.

L. B. Gaston, in *transit*,

J. N. Waddel, D. D., Ch. U. M.

F. Patton, S. S.

J. A. Kimmons, S. S.

O. F. Rogers, S. S.

J. H. Gaillard, P.

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Wm. H. Mitchell, D. D., P.

B. N. Sawtelle, S. S.

J. S. Park, P. E.	Memphis,	"	2	7	33	1	3	70	5	6	5	524	18		
Francis P. Mullally, P. E.	Bolivar,	"	9	4	63	4	4	30	32	44	100	12	1700		
A. M. Watson, P.	Portersville, P.	"	4	7	118	2	9	40	19	15	29	10	420		
C. McKinney, (in trans.)	Paducah,	Ky.	2	40		1			20	28	86	4	400		
Francis Bowman, D. D.	Memphis,	Tenn.	11	26	150	3	3	500	105	35	20	2855	1054		
F. H. Bowman, P. E.	Memphis,	"	2	11	66	2	2	65	9	6	15	1002			
E. M. Richardson, P. E.	Memphis,	"	4	37	3	4	5	30	5	5	5	150			
L. McNeely, S. S.	Middleton,	"	2	35	4				12	8	7	100	6		
—23. Candidates—4.			7	30	11	25			35	6	7	61			
			27	43		35						2	11		
		"—28.	43								10	30			
93	139	1776	27	122	1395	\$672	\$475	\$1315	\$430	\$265	\$19748	\$7976			
3. Pres. of North Mississippi.															
A. Johnson, S. S.	Holly Springs, Miss.	Philadelphia, S. S.	1	58	1	23	14	22	11	8	400	35			
		Corinth,	3	41	2	18				4	104	25			
S. I. Reid, S. S.	Hernando,	"	2	34			2	32	5	5	5	250			
		Edmiston,	3	63		5				5	25				
W. T. Savage, S. S.	Grenada,	"		38			9			3	122	1			
		Centre,		22		12		5	1	3	49				
Henry H. Peine, P.	Holly Springs,	"	6	1	121	1	2	90	30	12	12	1830	350		
D. G. Doak, S. S.	Sardis,	"	4	54	2	3	70	45	6	6	493	31			
E. C. Davidson, P.	Water Valley,	"	12	89	5	60	13	12	2	2	250	26			
H. M. Morrison, S. S.	Spring Port,	"	3	46		4		3	2	2	200				
Geo. P. Richardson, Teacher.	Garner's Station,	"		34		1		3	2	2	200				
J. A. Sloan, S. S.	Water Valley,	"	9	50		4	25	26	6	16	3	250	30		
James Naylor, S. S.	Tyro,	"	1	38		1	49	13	6	3	3	100			
		Chulahoma,	1	33		20	5	5	3	3	3	50			
		Luxahoma,	2	19		20	13	18		3	3	175	50		
		Spring Creek,	3	2	50	65	18					300	100		
D. W. Humphreys, S. S.	Charleston,	"	2	10											
J. E. Fielder, W. C.	Grenada,	"	2	12		50	85	65	10	12	728				
Edwin Cater, S. S.	Oxford,	"	2	2	142	1				4					
A. H. Caldwell, S. S.	Sardis,	"	2	2	24			20							
—14. Candidates—6.			2	72											
		Grenada, V.	2	1	32	3	6	4	2	8	130				
		Bethesda, S. S.	2	2	25	5			2	3	116				
		Hudsonville, V.	44	42	1110	10	25	483	\$245	\$176	\$338	\$45	\$92	\$5922	\$398

C. M. Atkinson, S. S.	Winona, Miss.	Carthage, S. S.	1	4	27	19	1	10	10	10	15	5	5	160	76
J. H. Alexander, P.	"	Forest, "	2	3	30	42	1	20	10	10		5	5	1214	
John Hunter, D. D., P.	"	Vaiden, "	12	4	42	68	1	10	120	10	12	6	10	200	12
John McCampbell, P.	"	Kosciusko, P.	3	7	13	10								411	
W. T. Hall, P.	"	Durant, S. S.	2	18	10										
I. J. Daniel, P.	"	Nazareth, S. S.	2	3	102	6		9	130	130	55	35	18	754	164
C. Parish, S. S.	"	Jackson, P.	2	1	62	28		2	30	38			5	805	35
J. M. Caldwell, S. S.	"	Lexington, P.	4	15	100	105	1	11	35	22	50		10	200	12
S. Brown, S. S.	"	Franklin, P.	12	1	105	13		6		17			20	1200	756
J. A. McConnell	"	Goodman, S. S.	4	15	100	105		2	11	35	50		20	100	
A. H. Mecklin, P.	"	Canton, P.	12	1	105	13		6		17			20	95	
J. W. Kerr, P.	"	Osborne.	13					5						200	
J. E. Wheeler, S. S.	"	Belton, V. S. S.	13	55											
S. Archer, S. S.	"	Clinton, S. S.	13	22											
J. M. Geary, S. S.	"	Carrollton, "	3	12											
	"	Teos, "	8	4	62	1		2	100						
	"	Salem, "	7	24				40		6					
	"	Fannin, "	4	73				40		4					
	"	Bethel, "	2	65				60		32					
	"	Olney, "	2	137											
	"	Poplar Creek, P.	2	4	28			2	33	6			6	894	
	"	Yazoo City, P.	20	2	23					8		4		441	
	"	Vicksburg, S. S.	6	6	42			1	20						
	"	Greenville, "	3	1	66										
	"	Camden, "	1	1	40			2							
	"	Concord, "	1	1	7										
	"	Delhi, V.	1	1	12										
	"	Monmouth.	1	1	8										
	"	Lebanon.	1	1											
	"	Raymond, V.	1	1											
	"	Richmond, V.	1	1											
	"	Hopewell, V.	1	1											
	"	Madison, V.	1	1											
	"	Mount Hermon, V.	1	1											
	"	Greenwood, V.	1	1											
	"	Hebron.	1	1											
	"	Lake Providence, V.	1	1											

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Licentiate--1.

Candidate--1.

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	Monticello, La. Illawarra, La.	Monticello, V. Pecan Grove, V. —45.	129	66	1607	9	56	799	\$619	\$158	\$357	\$92	\$151	\$12045	\$1366
2. <i>Presbytery of Louisiana.</i>															
J. E. C. Doremus, D. D.	New Orleans, La.	Gen. Agt. S. W. B. S.	5		23		2	55	19	43	10	20	30	584	15
C. S. Dod, S. S.	Plaquemine, "	Plaquemine, S. S.	3	7	14			40			50				
A. G. Payne, S. S.	Clinton, "	Clinton, S. S.			52		3						15	125	34
W. F. Gillespie, P.	Liberty, Miss.	Comite, S. S.			42			25	34		27	19	21		
James Stratton, P.	Jackson, La.	Unity, P.			15				5				2		
A. Z. Young, S. S.	Liberty, Miss.	Oak Grove, S. S.			56			40							
G. C. Hyde, W. C.	Atchafalaya, La.	Jackson, P.			55								55	270	96
A. R. Graves, S. S.	—8.	Woodville, S. S.			163			40	43	24			5		
		Liberty, S. S.			56			30	9				14		
		Atchafalaya, V.			8			50					12		
		Baton Rouge, S. S.			146										
		Buhler's Plains, S. S.			83										
		Livonia, V.			71										
J. M. Geary, in transitu.		Rosedale, "			8										
		Williamsport, "													
		Canton, Miss.													
		Williamsport, V. —15.	32	7	702		5	280	\$110	\$67	\$87	\$39	\$154	\$979	\$145
3. <i>Presbytery of Mississippi.</i>															
Joseph B. Stratton, D. D., P.	Natchez, Miss.	Natchez, P.	17	2	256	3	23	329	95	87	200	100	35	4408	15
Robert Price, P.	Port Gibson, "	Port Gibson, P.	8	4	121	3	1	65	33	10	20		20	1500	
M. W. Trawick, P.	Hazlehurst, "	Hazlehurst, P.	9	3	68	3	5	50	8	7	10		10	1250	84
		Crystal Springs, P.			52		2								
A. McCallum, S. S.	Union, "	Providence, S. S.	2		10				11	16			8	2158	
Benj. Chase, D. D., infirm.	Natchez, "	Pine Ridge, V.			42										
Jas. Purviance, D. D., infirm.	Natchez, "	Rodney, S. S.													
Thos. A. Ogden, infirm.	Elizabeth, N. J.	Rehob, S. S.													
S. M. Montgomery, S. S.	Union, Miss.	Union, S. S.			183										
		Bensalem, S. S.			78										

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G. L. More, S. S. V. C. Ostrom, W. C.	Hannibal, Mo. —15. San Antonio, Texas—23.		91	78	1418	23	131	1736	\$1649	\$1895	\$1583	\$416	\$360	\$38044	\$10661
5. <i>Presbytery of Red River.</i> J. F. Ford, S. S. J. T. Davidson, S. S.	Shreveport, La. Homer, "	Mt. Zion. Homer. Midway. State Line. Mansfield. Minden. Rocky Mount. Chaplain and Professor. Shreveport. Keachi, V. Good Hope, V. Alabama, V. Ebenezer, V. Monroe, V. Vienna, V. Pine Hill, V.	5 7 1 4	3 14 11 15	19 14 11 16 6 15 72 49		1 3		6 29 8 7		10 10 5 14 10 50		200 150 900 975	5 5 12 285 270	
Cyrus Harrington, S. S. J. E. Bright, D. D., P. E. A. R. Banks, P. E. E. P. Palmer, Prof. W. C. Dunlap, P. E.	—7. Shreveport, " Keachi, La. Kingston, La. Vienna, La. Keachi, " Monroe, " Vienna, " Vienna, " Pine Hill, V.		21	17	201		15	115	\$164		\$99	\$14	\$20	\$2225	\$577
6. <i>Presbytery of Tombectbee.</i> R. S. Gladney, Teacher, J. A. Lyon, D. D., P. J. N. Carothers, P. S. R. Frierson, S. S. A. H. Bartley, P. O. H. P. Smyth, S. S. A. P. Smith, P.	West Point, Miss. Columbus, " Houston, " Starkville, " Crawfordville, Miss. Louisville, " Aberdeen, "	Unity, V. Columbus, P. Houston, S. S. Friendship, P. Starkville, S. S. Beershebe, S. S. Bethel, P. Crawfordville, P. Louisville, S. S. Caroline, S. S. Aberdeen, P.	8 1 2	1 2 2	49 180 90 29 18 13		2 4 2	75 50 40	23 27 10 6 15 8		10 7 33 10 25 8		15 20 11 2 12 8	150 300 417 10 10 1300	22 15 65 10 3

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J. W. Bachman, S. S.	Stony Point, Tenn.	New Bethel, S. S.	2	1	139	2	3	110	6		44		10	120	8
W. H. Smith, "	Morristown, "	Leesburg, "	2	1	81	1	1	70	14	12	50		10	225	
W. Harrison, "	New Market, "	Rheatsown, "			21				8		24	5	4	100	
W. A. Taylor, "	Jonesville, Va.	Providence, "			28										
W. B. Carter, W. C.	-10. Elizabethton, Tenn.	New Providence, "	1	3	115	1	7	60	25	7	73	7	15	2450	50
		Rogersville, "	3	8	100		4	80	25	5	92	6	9	365	22
		Morristown, "	7	7	49			53	15		19		5	2528	250
		Flagah, "	1	1	52		4		15		25		5	223	
		Mossy Creek, "	12	4	74	7			38		60		10	102	10
		Jonesboro, V.	3	3	53	1		60			23		5	250	
		Mooreburg, V.	2	2	14			30	33		10		2	50	
		Johnson's Depot, V.			13						20				
		Tazewell, V.			25										
		Mt. Carmel, V.													
		Meadow Creek, V.													
		Richland Creek, V.													
		Timber Ridge, V. -21.													
			113	44	1374	32	37	694	\$955	\$74	\$782	\$49	\$118	\$8519	\$396
2. Presbytery of Knoxville.															
Henry Brown, S. S.	Knoxville, Tenn.	Lebanon, S. S.	2	1	22		10	25	3		44	5	6	159	25
T. H. McCallie, P. E.	Chattanooga, "	Chattanooga, P.	5	2	97	1	14	92	39	60	305	31	18	1392	20
W. W. Morrison, P. E.	Sweet Water, "	Sweet Water, P. E.	3	6	102		3	100	15	15	15	10	16	350	115
Jos. H. Martin, S. S.	Athens, "	Mars Hill, S. S.	11	3	53	3	14	50	86	8	60				2
John K. Hittner, S. S.	Cleveland, "	Cleveland, S. S.	4	27	27	2									
James Park, P. E. -6.	Knoxville, "	Knoxville 1st, P. E.	6	20	143	1	14	130	65	82	133		6	7355	20
	Soddy, "	Soddy.	25	15	60	3	17	30	6	6	25	5	6	143	29
	Washington, "	Washington.													
	Concord, "	Pleasant Forest.	7	6	19	1	3	5	5	5	30	4	30	6	140
	Knoxville, "	Cedar Spring.	1		33	1	2	50	2		8	2	6	56	
	Charleston, "	Shiloh.			12										
	Rockford, "	Rockford.			20										
	Athens, "	New Bethel.			6										
	Tellico, "	Tellico.			30										
	Benton, "	Benton.	9		16										

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John K. Hittner, S. S.

James Park, P. E. -6.

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Licentiate—1.		Madisonville, Tenn.	Madisonville, Tenn.	2	75	1	10	90	10	8	7	4	10	300	180
Jas. A. Wallace,		Madisonville, Tenn.	Soddy,	68	76	732	18	90	622	\$242	\$184	\$69	\$132	\$9974	\$400
3. <i>Presbytery of Nashville.</i>		New Albany, Ind.	Tenn.												
R. A. Lapsley, D. D., W. C.		Franklin,	"	5	40	3					37			168	52
A. N. Cunningham, D. D., W. C.		Nashville,	"	2	52	1	2	20			45		180	900	
J. W. Hoyte, S. S.		Gallatin,	"												
T. D. Wardlaw, S. S.		Shelbyville,	"	4	6	137	3	10	139	74	76	24	10	2156	44
J. H. Bryson, S. S.		"	"	5	9	123	2	11	112	32	20	5	15	1000	105
W. L. Rosser, P.		Franklin,	"												
E. C. Trimble, W. C.		Edgefield,	"												
D. O. Davies, P.		Clarksville,	"	23	17	174	10	10	123	111	50	62	160	4078	59
J. W. Nell, P.		Murfreesboro,	"	29	18	204	12	13	102	315	32	102	34	10	7538
M. McFeaters, D. M.		"	"												
		{ Milton,	"		110										
		{ Cherry Valley,	"												
		{ Milton,	"	5	58			30	16			4		885	
		{ Readyville,	"	5	3	60		40				10		152	
		{ Stones River, S. S.	"	2	1	33	2		6			11		155	
		{ Murfreesboro,	"												
E. T. Brantley, S. S.		{ Milton,	"	4	64	2	1	100	4	5	17		5	1200	6
		{ Shop Spring,	"	7	16	100	1	9	140	139	40	60	65	2870	40
		{ Nashville,	"												
J. H. McNelly, P.		{ Hendersonville,	"												
E. D. Finney, S. S.		{ Green Hill,	"	1	1	16	1	1	24	23	50	24	3	589	190
		{ Smyrna Depot,	"	14	3	17		2	31	17	87	37	36	400	16
		{ Murfreesboro,	"						25		37	10	200		
J. B. Chapman, P.		{ Fayetteville,	"	18	20	486	7	43	893	737	338	237	78	12523	540
		{ Nashville,	"	2	7	140	2	12	70	22	32	20	17	1393	16
		{ Gallatin,	"												
A. Enloe, W. C.		{ Warraco,	"	3	55			2	30		37	8		363	
T. V. Moore, D. D., P.		{ And. McElroy, S. S.	"	1	12	12		3			15			59	
H. B. Boude, P.		{ New Bethel, S. S.	"												
And. McElroy, S. S.		{ Charlotte,	"												
James Wilson, D. M.		{ Franklin,	"												
		{ Marshall, V.	"												
		{ Texas,	"												
I. W. Canfield, W. C.		{ Franklin,	"	1	37		2	20					30	1500	
—20.				122	113	1962	46	121	1839	\$1556	\$633	\$476	\$642	\$36109	\$1068
Candidates—2.															

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<i>4. Pres. of North Alabama.</i>															
F. A. Ross, D. D., P.	Huntsville, Ala.	Huntsville, P.	1	3	140	1	2	90	5	23	5	18	32	2324	15
S. W. Mitchell, P.	Columbia, Tenn.	Zion Church, P.	2	2	240		12	94	800	56			25	2000	200
J. M. P. Otts, S. S.	"	Columbia, S. S.	9	14	140	2	6	209	23				49	3800	
W. J. Frierson, S. S.	"	Cathy's Creek, S. S.			17				5	5		5		700	
	"	Laurel Hill,			35			55						100	
	"	Fountain Hill, V.			20										
Wm. Meek, D. D., W. C.															200
F. A. Thompson, S. S.	Spring Hill, "	Spring Hill, S. S.	2	12	93	1	9	30	22		50	22		400	
J. Simpson Frierson, S. S.	Lynaville, "	Hopewell,	3	7	41	3		50	11	6	7	5	3	900	
	"	Elk Ridge,	1		50				6	6	4		3	300	
W. H. Verner, S. S.	Cornersville, "	Cornersville,	2	7	47	1	2	65	13	17	20	11	3	215	
	"	Lewisburg,	1		58		6	69	50		50			132	
W. E. Caldwell, S. S.	Elkton, "	Bethany,	31	8	144	11	2	60	19	21	29	5	14	900	11
James Watson, S. S.	Fayetteville, "	Fayetteville,	2	2	45		7	45	11			13		725	
	"	Union Church,	11	6	189	7	6	80	10	15	70	16		655	23
	"	Unity, V.			25										
Alexander Smith, W. C.	Fayetteville, "	Pulaski, S. S.	9	5	101	2	8	85	10	3		8		1210	140
F. L. Ewing, S. S.	Pulaski, "	"													
Robert Caldwell, W. C.	"	"	2		40	1	4	25	3				3	150	
J. Stephenson Frierson, S. S.	Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.	Mt. Pleasant,	2		75	1	4	25	9		7		3	100	
	"	"	2	1	130				10		4	4		300	8
O. B. Caldwell, S. S.	Belfast, "	Bethorel,	1		24		1	30						250	
	Petersburg, "	Petersburg, V.			43										
	Boon Hill, "	Swan Creek, V.													
C. Foster Williams, W. C.	Ashwood, "	"													
H. R. Smith, Teacher, W. C.	Huntsville, Ala.	"													
J. N. Blackburn, W. C.	Huntsville, Ala.	"													
—18.	Athens,	"													
William Stoddart,	Brick Church, Tenn.	Richland.	3		50						25			1000	
O. P. Osborne,	Pulaski,	"													
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Candidates—2.															
			82	66	1747	30	69	999	\$353	\$152	\$1076	\$111	\$126	\$16061	\$597

SYNOD OF N. CAROLINA.																
1. Presbytery of Concord.																
R. H. Morrison, D. D., S. S.	Cottage Home, N. C.	1	3	49	1	1	45	20	30	15	8	385	180			
A. D. Montgomery, W. C.	Salisbury,	1	4	61	4					15	8					
Jesse Rankin, P. E.	Lenoir,	2	3	42	2	42	42	10	15	10	5	286	180			
Daniel A. Penick, Sr., P.	Pioneer Mills,	3	5	311	19	160	97	51	78	65	30	962				
Daniel Lindley, F. M.	Port Natal, S. Africa.	6	4	165	1	11	80	27	20	4	16	857				
Robt. Burwell, Pres.	Charlotte,															
J. E. Morrison, Teacher,	Wadesborough,															
James D. Hall, W. C.	Woodlawn,															
Thos. P. Johnston, D. M.	Morganton,	4	6	337	2	17	150	74	24	17	528	159				
John Douglas, P.	Charlotte,	2	8	69	2	25	8	6	8	5	15					
Nathan Shotwell, P.	Rutherfordton,									8						
Wm. N. Morrison, W. C.	Asheville,															
G. Wilson McPhail, D. D., Pres.	Davidson College,	17	7	52	4	1	40	34	40	4	4	205				
Robt. H. Chapman, D. D., S. S.	Asheville,	1	1	43	1	4	40	7	10	5	5	209	10			
E. F. Rockwell, Pres.	Statesville,	1	1	42	1	4	20	4	5	3	4	125	120			
Wm. Graves, D. M.	Mills River,	1	1	28	1	4	25	3	4	3	4	125	120			
Walter W. Pharr, P. E.	Statesville,	13	6	150	2	18	50	17	40	10	10	316	90			
Thomas N. Parton, S. S.	Marion,	3	2	31	1	25	20	12	20	8	3	290	18			
G. M. Gibbs, S. S.	Mocksville,	2	7	43	1	30	12	10	4	5	3	218	9			
J. F. W. Freeman, W. C.	Woodlawn,															
Thos. E. Davis, Teacher,	Marion,	3	2	67	1	45	31	19	19	4	5	400				
Robert N. Davis, P.	Lincolnton,	3	8	105	2	40	6	5	5	4	5	140				
S. C. Millen, D. D., S. S.	Taylorsville,	5	1	35	1	4	40	21	7	6	10	250				
J. C. Williams, P.	Charlotte,	6	7	168	1	14	60	20	20	11	20	587	3120			
S. C. Pharr, P. E.	Salisbury,															
	Franklin (Rowan), P. E.			48												

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Jacob Hood, S. S.	Franklin,	Ebenezer, S. S.	3	8	44	1	6	180	833	15	1	1	2	180	470
A. W. Miller, D. D., P.	Charlotte,	Charlotte, P.	8	23	237	1	1	180	159	159	354	75	50	2500	
Benj. L. Beall, Evangelist,	Lenoir,	Wilkesboro, V.			21				14	7	4	4	2	113	
Wm. C. Sheets, P.	Morganston,	Morganston, P.	10	1	95		5	40	10	10	10	6	8	9	
G. D. Parks, P.	Charlotte,	Sugar Creek, P.	2	7	234		12	100	125	65	34	80	9	1755	88
Alex. Sinclair, W. C.	"	Olney, V.			117		8		19		5	6	16		
J. Scott Barr, S. S.	"	Caldwell, V.	2		222		13						8		4
J. Rumble, P.	"	Salisbury, P.	1	4	125		13	175	116	91	600	18	20	1800	70
Daniel A. Penick, Jr., P.	"	Poplar Tent, P.	1	6	162	2	13	65	49	22	84	15	20	800	18
Wm. W. Pharr, P.	Davidson College,	Bethpage, P.	3	4	181		10	40	27	26	16	5	10	254	15
	"	Centre, P.	3	2	121		7	50	29	20	28	10	12	228	10
Robert Bradley, S. S.	Deep Well,	Back Creek, S. S.	1	6	150	1	4	70	16				8	400	300
	"	Prospect, S. S.	22	2	340		16	60	42				12	290	15
E. H. Harding, P.	Concord,	Concord Town, P.	3	1	142		11	70	25	7	47	17	15	1082	25
Wm. A. Wood, P. E.	Rowan Mills,	Third Creek, P. E.	3	1	167		3	40	15		24	23	7		17
	"	Unity (Rowan), P. E.	8	1	100	1	3	56	18		21	7	9	275	
R. Z. Johnston, P.	Charlotte,	Sharon, P.	6	6	162	2	13	100	43	11	8	8	12	300	4
	"	Providence, P.			110		9	25	19	8			6		
R. B. Anderson, Pres.	Yorkville, S. C.	Bethesda, V.	19	23	88	1	12	45	5	10	2		58	510	8
Wm. McDonald, P.	Charlotte, N. C.	Philadelphia, P.			196		14	80	15						
	"	Bethlehem, P.			45										
H. H. Banks, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Asheville, P.	1	4	80	1	8	55	75	121	31	30	48	713	110
	"	Swannanoa, S. S.	13	45	3	5	90	8	5		1		3	73	250
J. J. Kennedy, P.	South Point, N. C.	New Hope, P.	4	4	126	2	6	35	4				7	252	
	"	Dallas, S. S.	4	4	19	2	1				3		2	70	
R. H. Caldwell, P.	—44. Cool Spring,	Bethany, P.	5	1	75		1		10	4	3	6		141	
	"	Fifth Creek, P.	1	6	80	4	63		9	3		3	5	140	4
	"	Jefferson, V.			6								2	2	
J. O. Kennedy,	Davidson College, N. C.	Bethel (Haywood), V.	2		31		1	300	8						
Wm. N. Dickey,	Charlotte,	Bethel (Mecklg.), S. S.	5		45				3						
	"	Sandy Plains, V.			8										
Candidates—12.		Salem, V.			32										
		—69.	208	175	6545	29	309	2804	\$2089	\$914	\$1801	\$476	\$510	\$18424	\$3249

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<i>Candidates—9.</i>		Mark's Creek, V.			24	7	4	20	8		6			100	
		Mizpeh, V.	8												
		Lumberton, S. S.			155	4	5								
		Lebanon, S. S.	30		45	1	6	11	11	11	3	11	12	240	100
4. <i>Presbytery of Orange.</i> Thomas Lynch, W. C. George W. Ferrill, S. S. Edward Hines, P. Jacob Doll, P. A. G. Hughes, P. A. Currie, P. S. A. Stanfield, Teacher, Thos. U. Faucette, S. S. Joseph M. Atkinson, P. P. H. Dalton, P. J. Henry Smith, P. F. H. Johnston, P. D. E. Jordan, P.		Smayna, S. S.	7												
		Laurinburg, V.													
		Mt. Tabor, V.													
		Bethlehem, V.													
		—44.													
		New Hope, V.	340	81	3374	107	131	1102	\$375	\$278	\$422	\$201	\$331	\$9873	\$223
	Mebaneville, N. C.	Geneva, S. S.	7	1	100	1	1	20	7	2	2	2	5	50	
	"	Horeb, S. S.			31				2	2			8		
	Sassafras Fork, N. C.	Shiloh, P.			6		5				80		21	413	
	"	Henderson, S. S.	4	10	14		3						2	867	
	"	Oak Hill, V.			20										
	"	Yanceyville, P.			1	38	1	15	6	6	6	5	11	300	11
	"	Bethesda, P.			70		3							233	24
	"	Hawfields, P.			225										
	"	Cross Roads, P.			120										
	"	Graham, P.	2	3	66		1	40	7	8	17	5	15	425	
	"	Milton, S. S.	4		70	2	3	26	24	23	8	7	17	500	
	"	Red House.			20						2			25	
	"	Grier's, V.			16									12	
	"	Eno.			40										
	"	Little River, S. S.	5		170	3	4	90	6	3	3	4	12	350	60
	"	Raleigh, P.			126										
	"	Washington, P.	6	6	90	4	8	131	50	26	29	15	10	3170	56
	"	Greensboro, P.	4	12	240	1	15	150	142	13	240	21	27	1969	112
	"	Lexington, P.	6	1	78	3	2	102	20	3	12	5	15	551	
	"	Winston, S. S.	1		14				23	9	10	4	4	126	7
	"	High Point, S. S.			35		1	45	13	3	11	2	3	88	
	"	Madison, P.	1	1	100		3	25	28	31	6	8	18	339	
	"	Wentworth, S. S.			21										

Drury Lacy, D. D.	Raleigh,	Leakesville, S. S.	1	1	16	1	3	4	2	4	3	5	125	14	
James C. Alexander, P.	Greensboro,	Pittsboro, V.	1	18	11	17	5						20		
Calvin N. Morrow, S. S.	Oaks,	Haywood, V.	2	24	11										
Charles Phillips, D. D., Prof.	Davidson College,	Oakland.	2	4											
C. H. Wiley, Agent A. B. S.	Gilman's Store,	Milburnie,	2	114	2	2	50	6	6	4	13	329	30		
W. B. Tidball, P.	Newbern,	Buffalo, P.	6	160	6	35	5	5	5	15	5	250	50		
L. C. Vass, P.	Rocky Mount,	Bethel, P.	1	12	1	37	20	14	380	15	5	375	1000	25	
H. B. Pratt, F. M.	Greensboro,	Mebaneville, S. S.	1	28	1	2	16	25		8	14	6			
D. T. Towles, Teacher,		Chapel Hill, V.	1	30	4	30	4	3	3	14	314				
J. M. M. Caldwell, Teacher,		Asheboro, V.	2	154	8	69	42	105	101	30	20	2200	37		
		Alamance, P.	1	24	13	100	88								
		Spring Wood, S. S.	1	4	82										
		Newbern, P.	4	54	2	25	11	33							
		Murfreesboro, V.	1	43	3	40	75	27	52	28	13	506	79		
		Snow Creek, V.	3	1	43	2	7	6	3	5	9	175			
		Stony Creek, V.	2	4	58	1	5			12					
		Oxford, V.													
		Grassy Creek, V.													
		Hillsboro, V.													
		Fairfield, V.													
		Nutbush, S. S.													
		Roxboro & Mt. Airy, V.													
		Long's Mill & Warin, V.													
		Louisburg, V.													
		Speedwell, V.													
			65	50	2787	28	81	1063	\$631	\$297	\$1013	\$182	\$304	\$13760	\$1507
			2	1			7	37	4	6	3	1	3	145	
			1	27					18	10	2	14	300	5	
			1	34	1	3	45					14	100	5	
			1	101								12			
			4	103	4							41	60		
				28		35	16					20	210		

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C. H. Wiley, Agent A. B. S.

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L. C. Vass, P.

H. B. Pratt, F. M.

D. T. Towles, Teacher,

J. M. M. Caldwell, Teacher,

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Candidates—7.

3. Presbytery of Wilmington.

D. B. Black, P.

H. A. Monroe, S. S.

Colin Shaw, S. S.

J. M. Sprunt, P.

Burgaw,

Brown Marsh,

Black River Chapel,

Kenansville,

N. C.

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Rockfish, P.

Pike, P.

White Plains, S. S.

Whiteville,

Moore's Creek,"

Keith,

Hopewell,

Mt. Williams,

Grove, P.

Union, P.

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S. Presbytery of Wilmington.

D. B. Black, P.

H. A. Monroe, S. S.

Collin Shaw, S. S.

J. M. Sprunt, P.

N. C. Rookfish, P.

Pike, P.

White Plains, S. S.

Whiteville, "

Moore's Creek, "

Keith, "

Hopewell, "

Mt. Williams, "

Grove, P.

Union, P.

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Candidates-7.

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S. C. Alexander, P.	Black River Ch'p'l, N. C.	Black River Chapel, P.	2	3	94	1	4	52	27	10	7	6	20	257	3
H. L. Singleton, P.	Wilmington,	South River Chapel, P.	1	27	27		2	30	11	2	3	6	10	242	
B. F. Marable, P.	Clinton,	1st Ch., Wilmington, P.	1	11	145		8	200	430	117	1180	50	40	3500	
S. H. Isler, P.	"	Clinton, S. S.	6	1	51	3	3	3	10	4	9	4	15	325	73
James Kelly, P.	Dover,	Oak Plains, P.	1	1	47	3	3	40	4	2	8	8	17	300	27
Luther McKinnon, S. S. —10.	"	Beaver Creek, P.	2	12	12	2	2	20	2	2	1			25	
<i>Licentiate</i> —3.	"	Catharine Lake, S. S.	3	3	3	1	1	40	8					86	
Archibald McFadyen,	Brown Marsh,	Brown Marsh, P.	3	150	1	8	40	5	2	6	6	2	15	506	2
N. W. Herring,	"	Mt. Horeb, P.	3	2	38	2	1	25	2	5	10	2	10	400	250
John A. Woodburn,	"	Goldboro, S. S.	10	4	45	4	9	50	12				19	460	303
<i>Candidates</i> —2.	"	"													
S. L. Watson, P.	Elizabethtown,	Elizabethtown, S. S.			5			25	7				6	350	
J. H. Saye, S. S.	"	Beth Car, S. S.							12					147	
W. Banks, P.	Kenansville	"													
W. W. Carothers, P.	Newton Grove,	"													
L. W. Curtis, W. C.	"	Spring Vale, S. S.													
J. M. Anderson, Prof.	"	Mt. Zion, S. S.	3	2	50	1			5	5		5		142	
J. R. Baird,	"	2d Ch. Wilmington, V.													
A. A. James, P.	"	"													
			41	26	960	18	51	599	\$573	\$169	\$1233	\$36	\$265	\$7552	\$608
SYNOD OF SO. CAROLINA.															
<i>Presbytery of Bethel.</i>															
S. L. Watson, P.	Yorkville, S. C.	Bethel, P.	13	4	260	2	12		37	26	135	23	12	400	40
J. H. Saye, S. S.	Lewisville, "	Fishing Creek, S. S.	2	5	101		4		16	20			8	267	125
W. Banks, P.	Lewisville, "	Cedar Shoal, S. S.	1	2	30				8	5	24	13	4	155	
W. W. Carothers, P.	Hazelwood, "	Catholic, P.	9	1	120	2	7		47		38	7	4	430	225
	Hazelwood, "	Pleasant Grove, P.	8	2	165	3	17		33	7	18	18	5	333	208
	Yorkville, "	Allison Creek, P.	10	7	82		6		9	10	6		7	330	
	Yorkville, "	Beth Shiloh, P.			124						3			160	
	Canan 4 Corners, N. Y.	Unionville, V.	1		24						6				
	Davidson College, N. C.	Cane Creek, V.	1	3	16						3				
	Sao Paulo, Brazil,	Hephzibah, V.			38										
	Jonesville, S. C.	Fairforest, P.	1		87	1	2		15		61		6	320	10

	1	1	17	1	9	6	30	3	\$169	\$145	\$897	\$308	\$502	184	59	2950	46	128	\$8453	\$1113
Jonesville, " "	1	1	52	1	1															
Blackstock, " "			117			48														
Chester, " "			145	7	14	11														
McConnellsville, " "	39																			
Unionville, " "	4		23																	
Fort Mill, " "	1		56	4	4		6													
Rock Hill, " "			85																	
Blackstock, " "	3		95	2	4	10														
Gladden's Grove, S. C.	3		67	1	5	45														
Fort Mill, " "	8		51	1	7	16														
McConnellsville, " "	42		80	17	2	11														
Yorkville, " "	8		53	2	6	3														
Yorkville, " "	2		116		2	62														
Lancasterville, " "	7		58	1	1	4														
Lancasterville, " "	4		3	58	1	10														
Lancasterville, " "	1		30		5	4														
Lewisville, " "	1		120			49														
Rock Hill, " "	8		139	2	6	19														
Guthrie'sville, " "	5		246	2	10	37														
Yorkville, " "	3		146		3	3														
Lowry'sville, " "	1		55	1		8														
Carmel Hill, " "	3		14		1	5														
Antioch, " "			70	1	2															
Shiloh, S. S.	—34.																			
Grindal Shoals, P.																				
Salem, S. S.																				
Purity, P.																				
Bullock's Creek, S. S.																				
Mount Tabor, S. S.																				
Six Mile Creek, S. S.																				
Hopewell, S. S.																				
Concord, P.																				
Mt. Olivet, P.																				
Unity, S. S.																				
Olivet, S. S.																				
Harmony, S. S.																				
Yorkville, P.																				
Lancasterville, P.																				
Waxhaw, P.																				
Douglas, P.																				
Union, N. C., V.																				
Ebenezer, S. S.																				
Bethesda, S. S.																				
Beersheba, S. S.																				
Zion, S. S.																				
Carmel Hill, V.																				
Shiloh, S. S.																				
Prof. Theo. Seminary.																				
" "																				
(First Pres. Church).																				
Second Church, P.																				
Zion Church, P.																				
Zion Church, P.																				
Central Church, P.																				
First Church, P.																				
Walterboro.																				
(Edisto Church).																				
Columbia, S. C.																				
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Charleston, S. C.																				
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Columbia, " "																				
Walterboro, " "																				
Edisto Island, S. C.																				
James Douglass, W. C.																				
J. E. White, P.																				
J. S. Bailey, S. S.																				
D. Harrison, S. S.																				
T. W. Erwin, P.																				
W. W. Ratcliff, S. S.																				
H. R. Dickson, P.																				
J. N. Craig, P.																				
Robert McCoy, T.																				
Licentiates—2.																				
R. E. Cooper,																				
J. L. Wilson,																				
Candidates—6.																				
2. Presbytery of Charleston.																				
A. W. Leland, D. D.																				
George Howe, D. D.																				
John Forrest, D. D.																				
Thomas Smyth, D. D., P.																				
John L. Girardeau, D. D., P.																				
Joseph B. Mack, P.																				
W. G. Dana, P.																				
Wm. E. Boggs, P.																				
Edward Palmer,																				
W. States Lee,																				

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L. S. K. Legare, W. C.	Orangeburg, S. C.	(Huguenot Church).	2	2	61	1	5	35	48	11	24	15	15	701	219
T. H. Legare, W. C.	"	(Circular Church).			10									67	5
D. X. Lafar, W. C.	"	(Seamen's Chaplain).			90										
C. S. Vedder,	"	Orangeburg.	6	5	40	2	1	8	1	2				5	11
W. H. Adams,	"	Aiken.			38		3	8	6	12				65	34
Thos. H. Law, Evangelist,	"	Stoney Creek.		1	42		4	25	5	4				120	27
W. B. Yates,	"	Wilton.	4		28			10	6	3				5	
-17.		Beech Island.	2		25										
		Barnwell.													
		James Island.													
		Summerville.													
		John's Island and Wad- malaw.													
-14.			108	33	1542	25	91	1021	\$1698	\$812	\$385	\$163	\$197	\$17985	\$386
Peter Gowan, Jr.	Columbia, S. C.														
3. Presbytery of Harmony.															
W. Brearley, P.	Darlington, S. C.	Darlington, P.	1	2	71										
T. R. English, S. S.	Mayesville,	Lynchburg, S. S.			24										
W. M. Reid, P.	"	Mt. Zion, P.	2		85										
J. Leighton Wilson, D. D.	"	Sec. Sus. & For. Miss'ns.													
P. Pierson, P.	Kingstree,	Midway, P.	36	1	156	3	20								
D. McQueen, P.	Sumter,	Sumterville, P.	6		144		6								
G. W. Bogg,	Columbia,	Agt. Com. of Publicat'n.													
D. E. Frierson, P.	Mayesville,	Hopewell, P.	3	3	110		4								
S. H. Hay, P.	Camden,	Camden, P.	4	1	84	1	7								
G. Morgan, W. C.	Sumter,	Reulab, S. S.	9	2	30	3	10								
J. A. Cousar, P.	Little Rock,	Reedy Creek, P.	25		90	12	1								
J. G. Richards, P.	Liberty Hill,	Little Pee Dee, P.	14		112		3								
		Liberty Hill, P.			50										

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W. Carlile, <i>superannuated</i> ,	Anderson C. H., S. C.	Prof. Theo. Seminary.	3	2	79		10	108	10		18	9	14	295	162
J. B. Adger, D. D.	Columbia, "	Washington Street, P.			41		19	50	19		13	2	6	175	
E. T. Buist, D. D., P.	Greenville, "	Broadway, S. S.													
S. Donnelly, S. S.	Honea Path, "	Honea Path, S. S.													
	Newberry C. H., "	Smyrna, V.	4	3	42		24	41	24		25		8	150	
S. J. Price, P. F. C.	Laurens C. H., "	Friendship, S. S.	2		79		10		10		10	1	3		
D. McN. Turner, D. D., P.	Cross Hill, "	Liberty Spring, S. S.													
W. McWhorter, S. S.	Abbeville C. H., "	Abbeville C. H., P.	7	6	69		10	50	100	32	112	50	25	1711	125
	Bachelor's Retreat, S. C.	Retreat, S. S.													
	" "	Nazareth B. D., S. S.													
W. H. Davis, S. S.	Calhoun's Mills, "	Lodimont, S. S.													
	Willington, "	Willington, S. S.	8	3	58		1	50	21		18	6	12	300	
J. F. Gibert, P.	Calhoun's Mills, "	Hopewell, V.	1		118								13	118	
	Abbeville C. H., "	Lebanon, P.													
	" "	Betha, S. S.													
A. A. Porter, D. D., S. S.	Spartanburg C. H., "	Spartanburg C. H., S. S.	3		52	1	1	35	37	18	2	15	2	517	
	" "	N. Pacolet, S. S.	1		31		5		20	1	2	1		150	
Z. L. Holmes, Prof., S. S.	Laurens C. H., "	Rocky Spring, S. S.													
	Clinton, "	Duncan's Creek.	9		100	9	1		44				4	150	4
	Cross Hill, "	Little River.	1	15	16	1			26				8	18	
C. B. Stewart, S. S.	Walhalla, "	Walhalla.			197		2		41		31		30	250	
John McLees, P.	Fairview, "	Fairview, S. S.			134			40	35	4			30	584	27
J. B. Hillhouse, Teach. & S. S.	Greenwood, "	Rock, P.			14			10	5				5		
	Newberry C. H., "	Mt. Bethel, S. S.													
	" "	Gilder's Creek, S. S.													
R. H. Reid, P.	Reidville, "	Nazareth, P.	1		206		12	100	32		20	6	30	600	60
	" "	Mt. Tabor, S. S.													
J. O. Lindsay, P.	Abbeville C. H., "	Upper Long Cane, P.	3		124		4		96	40	25		30	155	
	Due West, "	Providence, V.	2	1	92				22		2		16	100	
A. A. Morse, Evangelist,	Greenwood, "	Rocky River, V.			41										
	" "	Bethesda, V.													
E. F. Hyde, S. S.	Laurens C. H., "	Warrior's Creek, V.													
	Scuffletown, "	New Harmony, S. S.													
	" "	Mount Calvary, S. S.													

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SYNOD OF TEXAS.

1. *Presbytery of Brazos.*

U. W. Miller, P.

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W. C. Somerville, P. E.

R. F. Bunting, D. D., P.

Samuel McKinney, D. I.

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James Wilson, S. S.

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Jos. Boone, S. S.	Madisonville, { Montgomery, Waverly, S. S. Danville, S. S. Columbia, Weesly, Houston, Hempstead, Navasota, S. S. Bryan City, Chapel Hill, Richmond, Clear Creek Station, Galveston, Lexington, Indianola,	Bethel, V. Montgomery, S. S. Waverly, S. S. Danville, S. S. Columbia, V. Galatia, S. S. Hempstead, S. S. Navasota, S. S. Bryan, S. S. Chapel Hill, V. Richmond, V. Presbyterial Evangelist.	4	1	11	2	4	3	7	6	7	15	7	66	11
J. R. Hutchison, D. D., S. S.			1	5	29		8	12	21		542		10	1055	
R. H. Byers, D. D.			4	7	12	3	4	60	38			14	10	265	
Daniel McNair, W. C.			3	21	20	1	2	10	14				10	478	
M. C. Conolly, W. C., Teacher.					2	2		11						465	
J. M. Cochran, (in trans.) S. S.			58	85	559	15	57	610	\$199	\$64	\$1395	\$116	\$168	\$8875	\$178
Candidates—2.															
2. Free of Central Texas.															
M. Dickson, (infirm),	Midford, Texas.	String Prairie, S. S.	11	68	68	2	2	52	42	23	26	5	10	383	
A. J. Loughridge, S. S.	Lexington, Texas.	Oak Island, S. S.	4	3	47	4	2	100	21			20	10	499	
Hillery Moseley, S. S.	Cotton Gin,	Corleanna, S. S.			8										
R. M. Loughridge, S. S.	LaGrange,	LaGrange, S. S.	5		34	4	10	50	10	6	5	4	8	415	
W. M. King, (infirm),	Waco,	Round Top, V.			15		2						8	58	
S. A. King, S. S.	"	Waco, S. S.	13	10	62	2	2	75	17		18		10	1193	
J. M. McCord,	Sherman,	Blue Ridge, S. S.	7	16	44	2	2		10				10	700	
L. Tenney, S. S.	Eutaw,	Georgetown, S. S.	2	13	30	1	1	40	14				7	180	
	Carolina,	Belton, S. S.			21				9						
N. McDonald, S. S.	Lancaster,	Lancaster, S. S.	4	9	10					5	4	4	4	300	
W. A. Smith,	Fairfield,	County Line, S. S.	1	27	29				24				5	250	
	—10, Bastrop,	Austin, V.			11										

N. Bosque, V. Pleasant Hill, V. —16.		47	51	433	11	27	317	\$165	\$34	\$53	\$33	\$79	\$3969	7	
3. Pres. of Eastern Texas. P. W. Wariner, (inform) W. K. Marshall, D. D., S. S.	Troup, Texas. Henderson, Texas. Danville, " Troup, " Mt. Pleasant, " Hickory Hill, " Rusk, " Palestine, " Kenn, " Bethel, " Elysian Fields, Texas. S. F. Tenney, S. S. John Anderson, Teacher, John Bell, in transitu, —10.	4 8 2 38 12 12 18 3 12	2 2 13 91 3 5 6 6 37	50 45 15 23 21 44 64 20 8	2 2 8 1 6 1 23 1	4 6 12 4 6 6 1	50 40 20 103 18 50 10 34	40 37 20 103 18 50 10 34	15 15 50 10 10	125 25 10 6	8 8 10 6 4 8	8 300 150 5 76 12 900 5 143 8 643 8 400 6 6 4 8	\$3969		30
4. Pres. of Western Texas. J. H. Zivley, S. S.	Austin, Texas. Lockhart, " Prairie Lea, " San Marcos, " San Antonio, " Lockhart, " Gonzales, " Belmont, "	1 14 5 13 1	20 20 17 69 66 46	20 20 17 2 3 1	6 2 2 2 3 1	60 11 7 247 48 31							\$336	\$85	\$30
		98	32	450	23	39	501	\$312	\$75	\$135	\$41	\$85	\$336		\$30

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John N. McCain, S. S.	Hallettsville, Texas.	Hallettsville, S. S.			44			40	5				2	150	2
J. M. Cochran, S. S.	Clinton, "	Clinton, "		16	21	2	1	60	53				2	6	
J. M. Wilson, Evan.	Indianola, "	Indianola, "			20										
J. M. Connelly, S. C.	Seguin, V.	Seguin, V.			9									3	30
	Concrete, "	Concrete, "		1	30	2	1	90	73					17	5
	Lavaca, "	Lavaca, "		6	35										
	Columbus, "	Columbus, "			20										
	Corpus Christi, "	Corpus Christi, "			20										
	Goliad, "	Goliad, "			20										
	Fair Summit, "	Fair Summit, "			10										
	Lavernia, "	Lavernia, "			23										
	Lavaca, "	Lavaca, "		2	1										
W. C. Blair, (inform),	Austin, "	Selma, "			3										
Wm. Hamilton, (inform),	Selma, "	Seguin, "													
J. McCullough, S. S.	—11. Prairie Lea,	Seguin, "	34	43	473	10	16	525	\$488		\$10	\$30	\$29	\$1808	\$716
SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.															
I. Presbytery of Abingdon.															
II. B. Rose, S. S.	Abingdon,	Va. Beaver Creek, S. S.	6		116	3	4	80	10	5	5	5	10	325	3
	Abingdon,	" Sinking Spring, V.		6	112			133	100	35	45		20	815	25
A. L. Hogshead, P.	Abingdon,	" Rock Spring, P.	3	1	110	1	0	60	16	5			10	400	10
	Wytheville,	" Wytheville, V.	4	4	128		9	88	19	24	47	6	10	642	233
D. B. Ewings, P.	Newbern,	" Bell Spring, P.	2	33	33	1			15	6	6		10	258	25
H. M. White, P.	Glade Spring,	" Glade Spring, P.	7	2	93	4	2	75	46	16	25		12	989	95
J. Lyons, S. S.	Tazewell C. H.,	" Jeffersonville, S. S.	5	2	29		4		39	9			6	253	
	Knob, Tazewell Co.,	" Thompson's Valley, S. S.	1		36		2		20	11			5	400	
L. C. Brown, S. S.	Hillsville,	" Hillsville, S. S.	1		21		2	50	70				5	50	
	Dublin Depot,	" Bethesda.	6		38		1	33	5		3		5	36	
Robt. Gray, P.	Max Meadows,	" New Dublin.	1	1	58						36		20	787	
Henry Smith,	Abingdon,	" Cove.	1	1	18		2		42					150	
Thomas Brown, S. S.	Abingdon,	" Walnut Grove.	2		34		3	60			8		4	300	

	1	2	14	1	60	14	6		\$11	\$175	\$148	\$448		\$153	\$7014	\$431
Va. Pleasant Grove, S. S.	1	14												5	190	
" Chatham Hill, S. S.	1	50			60	42	17							5	50	
" Royal Oak, S. S.														10	724	
" Sharon.																
" Max Meadows,															150	
" Dublin Depot,															245	
" Love's Mill,	1	52		80		41	20							15		10
" South Fork.																
" Kimberlin, S. S.																
" Central.	1	12	1			15								10	250	30
" Lebanon.		12														
" —24.																
Va. Abingdon,																
" Bristol, Tenn.																
Va. Abingdon,																
" Wytheville,																
" Max Meadows,																
" —16.																
W. S. Lacy,	41	20	966	12	36	721										
Candidates—5.																
2. Precbrytery of Chesapeake																
J. J. Bullock, D. D., P.	16	21	472	2	7	422								33	8146	2000
J. A. Lefevre, P.	4	11	158	4	132	101			370	2000	670	3025		25	3323	550
S. B. Jones, D. D., W. C.										154						
John B. Ross, P. E.	3		12			90									1300	
John Squier, S. S.																
John W. Brown, Evangelist,	1	1	12	3											120	
" Port Deposit,																
" Pikesville,																
Washington, D. C.	8	45	50	7	150	30	104	45	15						4339	100
Baltimore, Md.	14	9	223	2	8	280	300	100	200					30	3590	80
Alexandria, Va.	1	2	21													
Warrenton, "	1	2	22				10								140	5
Rapidan Station, "	1	4	59	3	30	25								5	650	
Va. Warrenton, S. S.																
" Lifchfield, S. S.	8	3	44	2	8	30	10							5	550	
" Greenwiche, P.																
" Rockville & Bethesda, P.	2	174	1	14	75	106				132					1300	370
Darcy's Store, Md.	2	12														
Washington, Va.																

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Robt. L. McMurrin, P. E. J. W. Lupton, P.	Culpeper C. H., Va. Leesburg, "	Culpeper C. H., P. E. Leesburg, P. Catoctin, P.	5	10	55	3	3	46	15	19	5	8	5	1200	93
C. H. Nourse, W. C. A. M. Hershey, W. C. T. S. Witherow, W. C. C. N. Campbell, P. E.	Washington, D. C. Nokesville, Va. Arlington Depot, Va. —20. Poolesville, Md.	Poolesville, P. E. Lovettsville, P. E. The Grove, S. S. Salem, S. S.	1	2	18				20		4	2		300	
<i>Licentiates</i> —2. John McKelway, Wm. O. Robey, (colored),	Bel Air, Md. Leesburg, Va.	—21.	2	2	19	2	6	30	14	17	14	16		447	20
			69	115	1555	13	69	1455	\$3724	\$922	\$2520	\$630	\$108	\$25088	\$3347
3. <i>Presbytery of East Hanover.</i> A. Converse, D. D., Editor, Jos. C. Stiles, D. D., Evan. John S. Watt, W. C. Theo. Pryor, D. D., P. Wm. Brown, D. D., Editor, J. D. Dudley, P. Geo. D. Armstrong, D. D., P. John Miller, P. D., P. C. H. Read, D. D., P. M. D. Hoge, D. D., P. M. D. Irwin, P. E. T. Baird, D. D., Sec'y, W. A. Campbell, P. John W. Moseley, Teacher, M. D. Kalopothakes, F. M. E. H. Rutherford, P. J. D. Thomas, P. F. B. Converse, Editor, Thos. L. Preston, P. E.	Richmond, Va. " " Nottaway C. H., Va. Richmond, " Ford's Depot, " Norfolk, " Petersburg, " Richmond, " Portsmouth, " Richmond, " Powhatan C. H., " Richmond, " Athens, Greece, " Petersburg, Va. Bay View, " Richmond, " " "	Nottaway, P. Nantozine, P. Norfolk, P. 2d Church, P. United Church, P. 2d Church, P. Portsmouth, P. Powhatan, P. Tabb Street, P. Holmes, P. 1st Church, P. E.	4	8	86		5	33	56	30	30	27		300	
			1	5	32	1	2	80	20	5	5	5	5	300	
			9	5	242	13	13	230	545	340	130	40	30	2700	
			9	1	128	4	4	250	460	4	140	50	65	2107	
			11	20	361	1	10	240	95	196	150	165	40	6854	
			25	13	388	3	17	360	283	36	20	18	5	1112	
			10	4	102	2	2	175	46	36	20	18	5	300	5
			1	1	86	1		25	47	45	21	18	10	300	
			30	3	294	2	24	400	290	112	450	140	40	3500	350
			1		35		3	35	103	8			2	370	
			13	12	390	5	35	600	202	230	175	225	40	6190	500

Geo. H. Denny, P.	Old Church,	" Pole Green & Salem, P.	4	106	37	142	2997	\$2411	\$1190	\$1261	\$1052	\$267	\$31279	\$1100
F. M. Woods, P.	Falmouth,	" Bethlehem, P.	4	23	3	3	95	37	30	8	3		376	
James A. Waddell, S. S.	—22. Richmond,	" Hartwood, P.	8	45	3	2	75	37	10	4	3		150	
		" Olivet, S. S.	34	34	4		100	16	15	10	33		219	
		" Makemie,	1	22	2		75	33	20	12			1034	20
		" 3d Church, Richmond.	14	138	8	1	60	10	10	18	5	30	161	200
		" Amelia.	2	140	3	2	164	100	131	53	39		1362	
James B. Converse,	Richmond,	" Fredericksburg.	3	23										
		" Sussex.		6										
		" Smithfield.		8										
		" W'mb'g & York River.	1	5	1			6	5	5	11		28	25
		" Tappahannock.	4	80				23						
		" Brunswick.	—24.											
			148	81	37									
4. Presbytery of Greenbrier.														
J. McElhenny, D. D.	West Va.	Lewisburg.	5	300	8	120	39	19	15	15	16	30	1343	
S. R. Houston,	"	Rocky Point,	2	279	10	120	10	10	15	15	10	30	1028	
	"	Union, P.	11	75	6	25	7	14					200	
M. D. Dunlap,	"	Academy,	1	54	3	33	16	17	13	6	6	1	67	11
	"	Huntersville,	1	16	1	20	2	10	2	1	1	1	41	130
James H. Lops,	"	Frankford,	2	90	3	80	17	9	6	6	5	8	300	
M. H. Bittinger,	"	Falling Spring,	2	41	2	40	6	6	3	6	4	10	90	6
J. C. Barr, W. C.	"	Indian Creek,	9	125	5	136							500	
R. R. Houston,	"	Centreville, S. S.	12											
	"	Kanawha C. H.,												
	"	Kanawha Salines,	1	50	5	111	174	17	32	15	10	1598	21	
	"	Union,	1	70	7	60	350	5	5	5	5	200		
	"	Gap Mills,	3	66			5	3	3	4	3	150		
	"	Palestine,	6	35	1	75	13	10	11	12	5	50	3	
	"	Grassy Meadows,	2	37	2	20	3	4	4	3	2	16	2	
	"	Sewell Mountain,	12	69	3	50	3	12	3	2	250	8	38	
	"	Point Pleasant,	5	42	1	70	30	21	15	15	8	300	38	
	"	Point Pleasant,	3	7	1	130	21	4	27	3	5	270	40	
	"	Buffalo,		17	3							15	11	
	"	Coalstown, V.		58								3		
	"	Anthony's Creek, V.		40										
	"	Liberty, V.		20										
	"	Dunmore,		30										
	"	Summersville, V.												

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<i>Candidates—2.</i>															
	Kanawha C. H., West Va.	Kanawha, V.	76	22	1587	13	55	1132	\$724	\$205	\$172	\$96	\$363	\$6379	\$262
	Guyandotte, "	Western, S. S.													
	Brownburg, Va.	Bethel, P.	4	1	150	1		95	46	66	155	26	19	890	132
	Mint Spring, "	Bethel, Co-P.													
	Greenville, "	Augusta, V.		1	96			30	44	25	20	18	12	1181	12
	W. G. Campbell, W. C.														
	W. S. White, D. D., Prin. F. A.	Lexington, "		1	58					10	115		15	206	6
	J. S. Blain, S. S.	Deerfield, "													
	R. Lewis, W. C.	Holcomb's Rock, Va.													
	S. Brown, P.	Kerr's Creek, "	7	6	179		10	70	96	20	11	9	17	500	47
	J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., Prof.,	Lexington, "													
	N. W. Calhoun, D. M.	Upper Track, "													
	S. J. Baird, D. D., Agt. V. B. S.	Staunton, "													
	E. Thomas, (infirm),	Craigsville, "													
	T. D. Bell, Evangelist,	Harrisonburg, "													
	W. T. Richardson, P.	Waynesboro, P.	1		80		3	76	35	90	10		12	694	
	W. H. Rufner, S. S.	Bensalem, S. S.	9		26			25	5	11	12			258	
	W. Pinkerton, P.	Mt. Carmel, P.	8		118			115	39	25	42	15	12	906	25
	J. Pinkerton, P.	Mossy Creek, P.	4		134		3	80	104	31	27	37	30	600	
	P. M. Custer, Teacher,	Harrisonburg, "													
	P. Fletcher, P.	Loch Willow, P.	2	1	82		7	55	11	17	16		8	2648	13
	R. Scott, S. S.	Beverly, West Va.	24	3	150	5	6	100	15					500	
	R. J. Taylor, P. E.	Rockbridge Baths, Va.	1	1	59		1	90	28		18	4	12	2005	26
		Timberidge, "	12	4	99		3	90	23			5		443	
	J. W. Pratt, P.	Lexington, "	14	30	290	2	5	275	667	150	100	67	37	1792	156
	W. E. Baker, P.	Staunton, "	34	16	266	19	10	320	236	331	234	37	25	2887	149
	E. D. Junkin, P.	Brownburg, "	14	8	350	2	14	175	340	245	146	54	23	1652	66
	C. S. M. See, P.	Fishersville, "	7	4	155	1	12	100	109	294	82		23	817	102
	R. C. Walker, P.	Parnassus, "	10	1	98	5		75	47		50	5	9	869	
	J. R. Bowman, P.	Harrisonburg, P.	5	16	109	3	3	75	41	24	70		12	1337	
	W. T. Price, S. S.	Central Union, S. S.		1	26			20						150	3

	3	28	1	20	2	19	6
Figah, S. S.	3	2	2	10	27	20	100
Goshen, S. S.	6	5	83	100	24	9	496
Lebanon, S. S.	6	63		37	21	18	289
Mt. Horeb, P. P.	6	1	45	3	38	8	6
Warm Springs, V.	1	51		2	60	14	300
Windy Cove, V.	1	2	103	1	56	7	12
Collierstown, P.	2	10	75	1	40	6	472
Fairfield, P. E. E.	5	1	54	2	17	7	350
Shenariah, P. E.	1	3	120	3	32	6	412
Cook's Creek, V.	5	3	78	5	22	6	600
Oxford, V.	5	3	96	2	50	13	363
Hebron, V.	5	3	20	5	60		55
Kerr's Creek, V.		20	11			4	
Stony Run, S. S.		25	39	20	4	5	
New Bethany, S. S.		39					
Mingo Flats, S. S.		11					
Philippi, V.		15		15			
Pendleton, V.		17	3	40			
Massanuton, V.		24		14			
Buckhannon, V.		167					
French Creek, V.		17					
New Bethel, V.		8					
West Fork, V.		8					
Glennville, V.		65					
Clarksburg, V.							
	188	123	3798	62	141	\$1643	\$23717
						\$341	\$868
Buchanan, P.	2	25		35	6	12	400
Mt. Carmel, S. S.	1	27	1	1	2	2	86
1st Church, P.	5	3	124	9	152	120	1915
2d Church, P.	8	12	123	11	134	8	25
Figah, P.	4	5	92	2	30	10	2112
Fincastle, P.	2	13	86	1	15	23	520
New Castle, S. S.	12	3	123	5	34	25	923
Peaks, P.				150	45	12	1176

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	3	28	1	20	2	19	6
New Hampton, R. P. Kennedy, S. S.	6	5	83	100	27	20	496
Goshen Bridge, H. H. Hawes, P. P.	6	63		37	21	18	289
Mt. Meridian, W. W. Houston, in transitu,	6	1	45	3	38	8	6
Salmon, Warm Springs, V.	1	51		2	60	14	300
Millboro Springs, Collierstown, P.	1	2	103	1	56	7	12
Collierstown, P. Fairfield, P. E. E.	2	10	75	1	40	6	472
Fairfield, P. E. E. Shenariah, P. E.	5	1	54	2	17	7	350
Middlebrook, Cook's Creek, V.	1	3	120	3	32	6	412
Hanchou, China, Oxford, V.	5	3	78	5	22	6	600
Swoope's Depot, Hebron, V.	5	3	96	2	50	13	363
Wilsonville, Kerr's Creek, V.		20	11			4	
Williamsville, New Bethany, S. S.		25	39	20	4	5	
Franklin, Philippi, V.		15		15			
Cross Keys, Pendleton, V.		17	3	40			
		24		14			
		167					
		17					
		8					
		8					
		65					
	188	123	3798	62	141	\$1643	\$23717
						\$341	\$868
Fancy Hill, Va.	2	25		35	6	12	400
Big Lick, "Pattonsburg, Va.	1	27	1	1	2	2	86
Salpêtre Cave, Va.	5	3	124	9	152	120	1915
Lynchburg, "1st Church, P.	8	12	123	11	134	8	25
"2d Church, P.	4	5	92	2	30	10	2112
New London, Figah, P.	2	13	86	1	15	23	520
Fincastle, "Fincastle, P.	12	3	123	5	34	25	923
New Castle, "New Castle, S. S.				150	45	12	1176
Thaxton's, "Peaks, P.							25

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U. Powers, W. C.
A. Hart, P.
J. B. Ramsey, D.

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J. A. Shepperson, P.

J. H. Bock, D. D.,

W. H. Crawford, S. S.

P. T. Penick, P.

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J. M. Rice, P. D. W. Shanks, P. C. A. Miller, S. S.	Covington, " Fancy Hill, " Christiansburg, " Shawsville, " Christiansburg, " Washington, D. C. Salem, Va.	Covington, P. P. Falling Spring, P. White House, S. S. Christiansburg, P. Salem, P. E.	6 9 10 10 2	6 10 5 2	190 182 210 167	2 3 4	2 3 7 3	30 95 150 86	18 156 56 49	16 110 73 34	19 56 4 155 22	7 4 20 13	10 78 2 20 20	1200 1720 3010 1130	19
H. P. Smith, W. C. J. P. Smith, P.	Huntsville, Ala. Big Lick, Va. Liberty, Va.	Big Lick, P. Liberty, S. S.			41 67		2 3	70 30	68 23	30 19	20 11		5 8	326 661	31
W. F. Wilhelm, P. P. B. Price, P. E. H. T. Darnall, P.	Blackburg, Va. Natural Bridge, Va. Petersburg, Va. Rocky Mount, " Amsterdam, " Locust Bottom, " Jacksonville, " Princeton, " Fincastle, " Glenwood, " Locust Bottom, " Lynchburg, " Liberty, " Hampden Sidney, Va.	Blackburg, P. High Bridge, P. E. Petersburg, P. Piedmont, V. Mountain Union, V. Locust Bottom, S. S. Jacksonville, V. Princeton, V. Craig's Creek, V. Glenwood, V.	3 1 2	3 1 2	63 90 16 34 51 16 11 35 5	1 2	3 1 5	48 25 60	15 5 1	14 1	14 1	5 21	8 6 4	375 30 65 280	60
<i>Licentiate</i> —4. G. T. Lyle, S. S. E. H. Barnett, Asst. B. Farham, D. M. Wm. E. Hill, Student, <i>Candidates</i> —5.			65	68	1996	18	60	1123	\$762	\$664	\$832	\$219	\$256	\$15929	\$562
7. <i>Presbytery of Roanoke.</i> Saml. B. Wilson, D. D., Prof. Isaac Cochran, P. Matthew W. Jackson, W. C. Thos. E. Peck, D. D., Prof. Thos. Whaley, P. H. C. Alexander, P. John H. Davis, P.	Hampden Sidney, Va. Darlington Heights, Va. Rough Creek, Va. Hampden Sidney, Va. Keysville, Va. Charlotte C. H., Va. Charlotte C. H., Va.	Prof. Union Theo. Sem. Buffalo, P. Patrick C. H., Va. Prof. Union Theo. Sem Briery, P. Village Church, P. Bethlehem, P.	1		69		1	45	22	16	14	12		300	
			3	1	114		1	25	35	25	24	9	15	600	
			2	3	179		6	50	60	38	18	13	7	1500	
				3	53			50	15		3	4		474	3

F. N. Whaley, P.	Clarkesville, Va.	1	2	94	75	1	2	35	26	4	3	5	5	204
Alex. Martin, P.	Aspinwall, Va.	2	1	13	94	2	1	2	23	17	13	12	12	362
W. H. Matthews, P.	Pittsylvania C. H., Va.	2	2	98	13	1	1	1	7	5	5	2	2	530
		2	2	48	98	5	5	30	40	11	11	17	17	748
		1	1	25	25	3	3	11	11	8	8	9	10	350
				83	83	3	3	20	26	22	10	11	10	475
Hugh A. Brown, P.	Mossingford, Va.	20	4	145	145	6	6	80	19	20	13	10	16	700
John M. Kirkpatrick, W. C.	Danville, Va.	4	1	65	65	3	3	25	34	20	10	8	8	311
B. W. Moseley, P.	Oakley, Va.	11	1	17	17	5	5	10	10	8	3	3	3	120
		1	1	67	67	5	5	20	26	29	22	26	12	455
J. B. Shearer, S. S.	Black Walnut, Va.			18	18	3	3	20	4		13	2	2	700
R. C. Anderson, S. S.	Martinsville, Va.		3	23	23	7	7	42	6	6	5	6	5	140
Alex. B. Carrington, S. S.	Aspinwall, Va.	1	143	143	14									
			14	14										
C. R. Vaughan, W. C.	Cole's Ferry, Va.	3	1	20	20	3	3	30		10	2	15	15	134
R. N. Anderson, W. C.	Spout Spring, Va.	1	20	20	1	1	1	30	10	5	5	5	5	150
Joe. W. Walkup, P.	Halifax C. H., Va.	9	2	50	50	2	2	13	32			5	7	300
			2	37	37	1	1	45	9	4	4	3	3	325
G. H. Gilmer, P.	Lewisburg, Va.		3	12	12	1	1	8	5	5	5	3	5	144
			40	40					2	3		1	1	15
M. I. Lacy, in transitu, —22.														
G. Nash Morton, F. M.														
Licentiate—2.														
J. S. Young,														
H. E. C. Baskerville,														
Candidates—2.														
		52	28	1705	14	56	666		\$467	\$241	\$197	\$150	\$200	\$9337
														\$253
B. Pres. of West-Henover.														
J. S. Armistead, D. D., in firm,	Farmville, Va.													
Wm. H. McGuffey, D. D.	University of Virginia,	18	4	144	1	7	70	88	117	33	9	25	600	199
Benj. M. Smith, D. D., P.	Hampden Sidney, Va.													
Robert L. Dabney, D. D., P.	Hampden Sidney, Va.													
Wm. S. Thompson, P.	Scottsville, P. R.	3	2	55				22	30	5	15	8	10	459
James H. Fitzgerald, P.	Scottsville, P. R.	3	10	70				26	4	10	5	2	16	571
								10	3	49		25	25	253

MINISTERS, Etc.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Com. on ex.	Com. on cer.	Total Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Ch. in S. S. & B. C.	Sustentation.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Educa- tion.	Publi- cation.	Presby- terial.	Congrega- tional.	Miscel- laneous
Sam'l. W. Watkins, W. C. J. M. P. Atkinson, D. D. Benj. M. Wailes, P.	Farmville, Va. Hamptden Sidney, Va. Nelly's Ford, Va.	Pres. Hamptden Sid. Col. Rockfish, P. Cove, P.	3		30 40 45			50	15 24	15 39	9 15 11	10 8 11	4	300 522	
Charles Beach, S. S., in <i>trans.</i> Richard Melville, P. Edgar Woods, P. Wm. Dinwiddie, P. H. P. R. McCoy, P. I. W. R. Handy, D. D., P. J. K. Harris, S. S. G. W. Leyburn, P. James M. Wharey, P. S. Taylor Martin, P.	Snow Hill, Md. Farmville, Va. Charlotteville, P. Greenwood Depot, Va. Thompson's X Rds, Va. Orange C. H., Va. Amherst C. H., Va. Appomattox C. H., Va. Farmville, Va. Dover Mills, Va. Goochland C. H., Va. Brazil, S. A. Appomattox C. H., Va. Madison C. H., Va. Cumberland C. H., Va. New Store, Va. New Store, Va.	South Plains, S. S. Farmville, P. Charlotteville, P. Lebanon, P. Providence, P. Orange, P. Amherst, S. S. Appomattox C. H., P. Cumberland, P. Hebron, P. Byrd, P. Walker's Church, S. S. Union, S. S. Madison, V. Willis's, P. E. Appomattox, S. S. New Store, V.	2 4 4 5 2		70 43 22 96 1 1 19 15	4 4 2 3 1	8 1 8 42 50	65 10 30 30 105 42 38 4 5	10 5 5 27 48 3 2 2 5	5 10 6 5 12 6	5 6 3 3 4	8 37 45 12 12 6	1200 325 297 748 675 290 90	10 27 13 4	
W. U. Murkland, P. E.					70 17 35	8 3	8		10 7	23 11	3		3	892	67 12
T. E. Converse, F. M. <i>Licentiated</i> —3. C. J. Arnsstead, W. C. Brooks, Wm. Dennis Morton, <i>Candidates</i> —2.	Farmville, Va. Louisville, Ky. Hamptden Sidney, Va.		81	40	1229	12	50	758	\$525	\$546	\$247	\$194	\$286	\$11328	\$518
9. Pres. of Winchester. Wm. H. Foote, D. D., P.	Romney, West Va.	Romney, P. Springfield, P.	2 4	2	112 35		14 4	90 50	13 5	22	60 4	24	21 5	642 358	
J. G. Hamner, D. D., W. C. D. H. Riddle, D. D., P. M. Raymond, P.	Baltimore, Md. Martinsburg, W. Va. Green Springs, W. Va.	Martinsburg, P. Mt. Bethel, P.	2 2 3	7	82 30		1 1	85 80	105 17	5	24 5	2	10 5	1132 100	

L. F. Wilson, P.	Hedgesville, W. Va.	Falling Water, P.	18	2	120	2	6	54	46	23	25	15	350	25	
S. Billings, W. C.	Winchester,	Tuscarora, S. S.	5	30				12	20	7		8	200	10	
R. T. Berry, S. S.	"	Elk Branch, V.		75		6		20				10			
W. B. Dutton, D. D., S. S.	Alexandria,	Front Royal, S. S.		45		1		10	2	5	13	8	229		
N. G. North, W. C.	Harper's Ferry, W. Va.	Harper's Ferry, S. S.	4	4	25			76	8			4			
J. A. Scott, W. C.	Baltimore, Md.	Bloomery, V.		21				4							
E. E. Martin, S. S.	Moorefield,	North River, V.		20				3							
	New Creek,	Mt. Hope, S. S.	7	8	18	2		25	4			3	300		
J. R. Graham, P.	Winchester,	Piedmont, S. S.	11	4	33	2	5	40	30	9		3	600	200	
C. White, P.	"	Kent St., Winchester, P.	4	7	140	1	6	85	134	29	23	21	1150	100	
	Berryville,	Berryville, P.	5	37		1		35		17	3	13	714	40	
		White Post, S. S.		10			1	4					100		
J. Johnston, P. E.	Luney's Creek, W. Va.	Mt. Zion, P. E.		80								10	1224		
M. W. Woodworth, S. S.	Burlington,	Patterson's Creek, S. S.	12	1	59	5	1	35	66			10	1200		
G. W. White, P. P. S.	Moorfield,	Moorfield, P.	6	2	152	1	6	75	128	380	61	20	400	60	
W. A. Crawford, S. S.	Winchester,	Opequon, S. S.		17				60	60	23	20	5	400	60	
J. M. Clymer, P.	Woodstock,	Woodstock, P.	3	1	75	1	5	35	30	12	60	10	400	75	
E. W. Bedinger, P.	Shepherdstown, W. Va.	Shepherdstown, P.	3	4	96		3	90	90	39	30	11	1985		
		Kearneysville, S. S.	1	12									1620		
A. C. Hopkins, P.	Charlestown,	Charlestown, P.	4	6	172	3	17	125	133	78	29	20	1735	500	
G. L. Leyburn, P.	Winchester, Va.	Loudoun St., Winchester.	1	2	133		3	100	100	10		20	1600	50	
G. W. Finley, S. S.	-22. Gerrardstown, W. Va.	Gerrardstown, S. S.	4	140		3	1	70	10				650		
		Smithfield, S. S.		25				5					100		
		Bunker Hill, S. S.		10				3					50		
J. M. Harris,	Romney,	Strasburg, V.		30				30	6			5			
W. Johnston,	Berryville, Va.	Cedar Creek, V.		18				3				5	63		
		Concord, V.		6				7							
		Back Creek, V.		10											
		Winston, V.		5											
		-33.													
			94	55	1873	20	82	1121	\$1123	\$305	\$766	\$211	\$251	\$16897	\$1150

GENERAL VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

During the Year ending April 1, 1869, according to the foregoing Presbyterian Reports.

Synods in connection with the General Assembly,	11
Presbyteries, ...	54
Ministers, ...	857
Licentiates, ...	49
Candidates, ...	124
Churches, ...	1,460
Licensures, ...	21
Ordinations, ...	18
Installations, ...	38
Pastoral relations dissolved, ...	33
Churches organised, ...	28
Churches dissolved, ...	6
Members added on examination, ...	4,470
Members added on certificate, ...	2,710
Total number of communicants, ...	79,961
Adults baptized, ...	1,160
Children baptized, ...	3,378
Children in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes, ...	42,284
Amount contributed to Sustentation, ...	\$38,814
Amount contributed to Foreign Missions, ...	18,657
Amount contributed to Publication, ...	7,900
Amount contributed to Education, ...	33,191
Amount contributed for Presbyterian purposes, ...	10,115
Amount contributed for Congregational purposes, ...	605,164
Amount contributed for Miscellaneous purposes, ...	60,559
Whole amount contributed, ...	774,400
Churches not reporting number of members, ...	225

The following Ministers have died during the last year, according to the Presbyterian reports :

A. D. Campbell,	East Alabama.
R. W. B. Kennedy,	Tuskaloosa.
Cyrus Byington,	Indian.
Washington Baird,	Atlanta.
Robert A. Houston,	Augusta.
John Ramsey Bain,	Nashville.
Simeon Colton, D. D.,	Fayetteville.
Christopher H. Strong, (licentiate,)	Bethel.
W. C. Sutton,	Harmony.
S. E. Chandler, (licentiate,)	Harmony.
E. Graves,	Western Texas.
James McChain,	Abingdon.
A. J. Leavenworth,	East Hanover.
Thomas Walker Gilmer,	East Hanover.
Henry Hardie, (licentiate,)	Winchester.

JOSEPH R. WILSON,
Stated Clerk of the Assembly.

MODERATORS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**FROM 1861 TO 1869.**

- 1861. Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D.
- 1862. Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D.
- 1863. Rev. James A. Lyon, D. D.
- 1864. Rev. John S. Wilson, D. D.
- 1865. Rev. George Howe, D. D.
- 1866. Rev. A. H. Kerr, D. D.
- 1867. Rev. T. V. Moore, D. D.
- 1868. Rev. John N. Waddel, D. D.
- 1869. Rev. Stuart Robinson, D. D.

STATED CLERKS FROM 1861 TO 1869.

- 1861. Rev. John N. Waddel, D. D.
- 1865. Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.

PERMANENT CLERKS FROM 1861 TO 1869.

- 1861. Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.
- 1865. Rev. William Brown, D. D.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES

ARE EARNESTLY REQUESTED

1. To make their Annual Reports to the Assembly. If they have no printed blanks, let the reports be made after the form on the page opposite. Blanks can always be obtained on application to the Executive Committee of Publication.
 2. To make their Reports in fair, distinct writing, especially the columns of figures.
 3. To make them as accurate and full as possible. If, in any instance, churches do not report to Presbyteries, it is desirable that their number of communicants should be inserted from their last report.
 4. To report *no cents* in the money columns.
 5. To *add up* each column of figures with care. Many still neglect this, and thus oblige the Clerk of the Assembly to do what they should do themselves.
 6. To append to the statistics of Presbyteries a brief account of the changes which have occurred during the year, such as the number of licenses, ordinations, installations, dismissals of pastors, organisation of new churches, and the names of ministers deceased.
 7. To transmit their reports to the Stated Clerk, either at the meeting of the Assembly, or at Augusta, Ga., *not later than the 20th day of May.*
- Blank forms for *Sessional Reports*, or for any other purpose, are not furnished by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, but are kept *for sale* by the Executive Committee of Publication, by order of the Assembly of 1867.

TO THE STATED CLERKS OF SYNODS.

It is the duty of these officers to send up to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly an Annual Report, stating the number of Presbyteries, Ministers, Churches, Licentiates, and Candidates, within their bounds; and particularly all changes which have been made in the arrangement of Presbyteries. It is also their duty to transmit to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly a notice of the time and place of meetings of their respective Synods. Should these duties be faithfully performed, it will hereafter be possible to publish in the Minutes a "General View of Synods," which it is highly important to preserve from year to year as a part of the history of the Church.

FORM OF PRESBYTERIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Presbytery of _____ Licentiates, and _____ Ministers, and have under their care _____ Churches,
 report to the General Assembly that they consist of _____ Ministers, and have under their care _____ Churches,
 Candidates, viz.: _____

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES, AND CANDIDATES.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Communicants Baptized.			Funds Collected.										
			Added on Examination.	Added on Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Adults.	Infants.	No. of Children in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes.	Sustentation.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	Presbyterial.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.	
A—B—, P. &c.		C—, P.														
Licentiates—3. D—E—, &c. Candidates—5.	10.															

Add up,
omitting cents.

Follow the above with a statement of licenses, ordinations, installations, pastoral relations dissolved, churches organized or dissolved, or received or dismissed to other denominations, and ministers received or dismissed to other denominations, or removed by death, since last Report.

Dated,

Signed,

Stated Clerk.

Give the names of licentiates, but only the number of candidates, without name. It is earnestly requested that the above order of columns may be strictly followed, and that the columns may all be carefully added up. To ministers who are pastors, annex P.; to stated supplies, S. S.; to Domestic Missionaries, D. M.; to Foreign Missionaries, F. M.; to Presidents of Colleges, Pres.; to Professors in Colleges or Theological Seminaries, Prof.; to Agents, Ag. To congregations which have pastors, annex P.; to those which have stated supplies, S. S.; and to those which are vacant, V.

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES

EMBRACED IN THE PRECEDING STATISTICAL TABLES.

NOTE.—The Post office addresses in this list, in some cases, differ from those given in the Tables, the list having been prepared to correspond with recent changes. The figures denote the page of the tables on which the name may be found.

Abernathy, J. J., Henderson, Ky., 440, 441.
 Adams, Wm. H., Charleston, S. C., 462.
 Adger, D. D., J. B., Columbia, S. C., 464.
 Alexander, D. D., H. C., Charlotte C. H., Va., 474.
 Alexander, James C., Greensboro', N. C., 459.
 Alexander, J. H., Kosciusko, Miss., 447.
 Alexander, J. H., Quitman, Ga., 438.
 Alexander, S. C., Black River Chapel, N. C., 400.
 Anderson, E., Lauderdale Sta., Miss., 439.
 Anderson, J., Clarksville, Texas, 467.
 Anderson, J. Monroe, Davidson College, N. C., 400.
 Anderson, Robert B., Yorkville, S. C., 456.
 Anderson, Robert C., Martinsville, Va., 475.
 Anderson, Robert N., Co. Irs., Va., 475.
 Anderson, W. J., Trenton, Tenn., 446.
 Arbuthnot, J. S., Marion, Ala., 430.
 Archer, Stevenson, Greenville, Miss., 447.
 *Armistead, D. D., Jesse S., Farmville, Va., 475.
 Armistead, C. J., Farmville, Va., 476.
 Armstrong, D. D., G. D., Norfolk, Va., 470.
 Atkinson, C. M., Vaiden, Miss., 447.
 Atkinson, Joseph M., Raleigh, N. C., 458.
 Atkinson, D. D., J. M. P., Hampden Sid., Va., 476.
 Atkinson, W. R., Eddyville, Ky., 466.
 Axson, D. D., I. S. K., Savannah, Ga., 438.
 Axson, Samuel E., Rome, Ga., 436.

Bachman, J. W., Stony Point, Tenn., 452.
 Bailey, J. S., McConellsville, S. C., 461.
 Bailey, W. L., Auburn, Ky., 441.
 Baird, D. D., B. T., Richmond, Va., 470.
 Baird, James R., Sao Paulo, Brazil, 460.
 Baird, D. D., S. J., Staunton, Va., 472.
 Baker, Archibald, Ferdinandia, Fla., 437.
 Baker, B. L., Palatka, Fla., 437.
 Baker, C. A., Benton, Ala., 428.
 Baker, John W., Marietta, Ga., 436.
 Baker, R. M., LaFayette, Ga., 436.
 Baker, William E., Staunton, Va., 472.
 Balch, Thomas B., Nokesville, Va., 460.
 Balentine, H., Tahlequah, C. N., Ark., 432.
 Banks, Alexander R., Rocky Mount, La., 450.
 Banks, H. H., Asheville, N. C., 456.
 Banks, William, Hazelwood, S. C., 460.
 Barbour, L. G., Danville, Ky., 441.
 Bard, Isaac, Greenville, Ky., 440.
 Bardwell, Joseph, Shuquak, Miss., 451.
 Barkley, Andrew H., Crawfordville, Miss., 450.
 Barnes, G. O., Stanford, Ky., 441.
 Barnett, B. H., Lynchburg, Va., 474.
 Barr, J. Calvin, Kanawha C. H., W. Va., 471.
 Barr, James S., Lincolnton, N. C., 456.
 Bartlett, J. L., Sumter, S. C., 463.
 Bayless, D. D., J. C., Grayson, Ky., 439.
 Baskerville, H. E. C., 475.
 Beach, Charles, Snow Hill, Md., 476.
 Beall, B. L., Lenoir, N. C., 456.

Bedinger, E. W., Shepherdstown, W. Va., 477.
 Bell, John, Greenville, Tenn., 467.
 Bell, Robert, West Carlisle, Ohio, 439.
 Bell, Robert S., Washington, Va., 469.
 Bell, T. D., Harrisonburg, Va., 472.
 Beman, D. D., C. P., Mount Zion, Ga., 434.
 Benton, Thomas H., Skullyville, C. N., 432.
 Berry, Robert T., Alexandria, Va., 477.
 Bertron, Samuel E., Port Gibson, Miss., 449.
 Billings, Elias, Winchester, Va., 477.
 Bingham, Samuel J., Miss., (not reported).
 Bingham, W. B., Clinton, Ala., 431.
 Bittinger, M. H., Indian Creek, W. Va., 471.
 Black, Duncan B., Burgaw, N. C., 459.
 Blackburn, John N., Athens, Ala., 454.
 Blain, D., Collierstown, Va., 473.
 Blain, John S., Deerfield, Va., 473.
 Blain, Saml W., Brems Bluff, Va., (not reported).
 Blair, B. B., Point Pleasant, W. Va., 471.
 Blair, William C., Lavaca, Texas, 468.
 Blanton, Lindsay H., Paris, Ky., 439.
 Boccock, D. D., John H., Fincastle, Va., 473.
 Boggs, D. C., Jacksonport, Ark., 432.
 Boggs, G. W., Summerfield, Ala., 429.
 Boggs, George W., Columbia, S. C., 462.
 Boggs, W. E., Columbia, S. C., 461.
 Bogle, J. A., Hustonville, Ky., 441.
 Bomberger, C. C., Wakarusa, Ohio, 439.
 Boone, Joseph, Montgomery, Texas, 466.
 Boude, Henry B., Gallatin, Tenn., 453.
 Bowden, Nathan T., Powellton, N. C., 457.
 Bowman, D. D., Francis, Memphis, Tenn., 446.
 Bowman, F. H., Memphis, Tenn., 446.
 Bowman, J. Rice, Harrisonburg, Va., 472.
 Boyd, Samuel, Winchester, Ky., 449.
 Boyd, T. M., Three Creeks, Ark., 453.
 Bracken, T. A., Lebanon, Ky., 441.
 Brackett, G. R., Winstboro', S. C., 468.
 Bradley, Robert, Deep Well, N. C., 456.
 Bradshaw, James N., Macon, Ga., 437.
 Brantley, E. T., Milton, Tenn., 453.
 Brearley, H. M., Shoe Heel, N. C., 463.
 Brearley, William, Darlington C. H., S. C., 462.
 Breck, R. L., Richmond, Ky., 441.
 Brewer, Elijah, Spring Bluff, C. N., Ark., 432.
 Briacoe, John P., Blountville, Tenn., 451.
 Bright, D. D., J. E., Minden, La., 450.
 Brimm, W. W., Atlanta, Ga., 434.
 Brooks, W. C., Louisville, Ky., 476.
 Brown, Henry, Knoxville, Tenn., 462.
 Brown, Hugh A., Mossing Ford, Va., 475.
 Brown, H. C., Clarendon, Ark., 432.
 Brown, Joseph, Tampa, Fla., 437.
 Brown, J. Calvin, Kanawha Salines, W. Va., 471.
 Brown, J. D. A., Florence, S. C., 463.
 Brown, J. M., Relf's Bluff, Ark., 433.
 Brown, J. W., Pikeville, Md., 469.

*Deceased.

- Brown, Lee C., Hillsville, Va., 468.
 Brown, Samuel, Kerr's Creek, Va., 472.
 Brown, S. S., Winona, Miss., 447.
 Brown, Thomas, Abingdon, Va., 466.
 Brown, D. D., William, Richmond, Va., 470.
 Brown, W. R., Georgetown, Ky., 442.
 Bryson, J. H., Shelbyville, Tenn., 453.
 Buist, E. H., Cheraw, S. C., 463.
 Buist, D. D., E. T., Greenville C. H., S. C., 464.
 Bullock, D. D., J. J., Baltimore, Md., 460.
 Bunting, D. D., R. F., Galveston, Texas, 465.
 Burgess, Wiley, Brookhaven, Miss., 449.
 Burgett, D. D., J. R., Mobile, Ala., 429.
 Burkhead, J. D. W., Athens, Ga., 436.
 Burwell, Robert, Charlotte, N. C., 455.
 Buttolph, D. L., Marietta, Ga., 436.
 Byers, D. D., R. H., Clear Creek Stat'n, Texas, 466.
 Caldwell, A. H., Sardis, Miss., 445.
 Caldwell, C. K., Denmark, Tenn., 446.
 Caldwell, George A., Bristol, Tenn., 451.
 Caldwell, J. M., Carrollton, Miss., 447.
 Caldwell, J. M. M., Greensboro, N. C., 459.
 Caldwell, O. B., Belfast, Tenn., 454.
 Caldwell, Robert, Pulaski, Tenn., 454.
 Caldwell, R. H., Cool Spring, N. C., 466.
 Caldwell, W. E., Elkton, Tenn., 454.
 Calhoun, N. W., Upper Truck, Va., 472.
 Calhoun, P., Fort Smith, Ark., 432.
 Cameron, W., Pass Christian, Miss., 449.
 Campbell, C. A., Morganfield, Ky., 441.
 Campbell, C. N., Poolsville, Md., 470.
 Campbell, Duncan A., Brandon, Miss., 446.
 Campbell, E. S., Humboldt, Tenn., 445.
 Campbell, R. B., Canton, Miss., 448.
 Campbell, S. B., Leesburg, Tenn., 451.
 Campbell, William A., Powhatan C. H., Va., 470.
 Campbell, William G., Mt. Sidney, Va., 472.
 Canfield, I. W., Texas, Tenn., 453.
 Canlie, William, Anderson C. H., S. C., 464.
 Carothers, J. N., Honston, Miss., 450.
 Carothers, W. W., Yorkville, S. C., 460.
 Carrington, Alexander B., Aspenwall, Va., 475.
 Carruth, T. A., Wellborn, Fla., 437.
 Carter, H. C., Dalton, Ga., 436.
 Carter, W. A., Pensacola, Fla., 428.
 Carter, William B., Elizabethton, Tenn., 452.
 Cartledge, Groves H., Bold Spring, Ga., 435.
 Cator, Edwin, Oxford, Miss., 445.
 Chamberlain, N. P., Wheeling, Va., 449.
 Chandler, A. E., Jones' Mills, Ga., 434.
 Chapman, J. B., Franklin, Tenn., 463.
 Chapman, D. D., R. H., Asheville, N. C., 455.
 Chase, D. D., Benjamin, Natchez, Miss., 448.
 Cheney, S. W., Winchester, Ky., 442.
 Cleland, Thomas H., Clinton, Ky., 449.
 Cleveland, T. P., Paoli, Ga., 435.
 Clisby, A. W., Thomasville, Ga., 438.
 Clymer, J. M., Woodstock, Va., 477.
 Coble, John H., Shoe Heel, N. C., 457.
 Cochran, Isaac, Darlington Heights, Va., 474.
 Cochran, John M., Indianola, Texas, 468.
 Colton, J. H., Mt. Gilead, N. C., 457.
 Comfort, David, Boston, Ga., 438.
 Connelly, J. M., Concrete, Texas, 468.
 Conolly, Malcom C., Lexington, Texas, 466.
 Converse, D. D., A., Richmond, Va., 470.
 Converse, F. B., Louisville, Ky., 470.
 Converse, J. B., Richmond, Va., 471.
 Converse, T. E., Hanchou, China, 476.
 Cooke, J. J., Harrodsburg, Ky., 441.
 Cooper, R. E., Rock Hill, S. C., 461.
 Copeland, Charles C., Wheelock, C. N., Ark., 432.
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